



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Eddie Allen Mays dedicated his life to serving the State of Missouri and the United States as a law enforcement officer and member of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mays joined the United States Air Force in 1988 and served honorably until 1993, rising to C-130 Crew Chief before his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mays attended Southeast Missouri State University Law Enforcement Training Academy, was issued a Missouri Peace Officer License on November 22, 1998, and immediately began serving the Stoddard County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff, where he served until January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mays served the Bloomfield Police Department as an officer from May 1, 1999, until September 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mays began serving the Bernie Police Department as an officer on January 2, 2013, was promoted to Sergeant on July 1, 2013, and to Lieutenant on December 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2025, Lieutenant Mays was on duty with the Bernie Police Department when he responded to a domestic violence call, and after handcuffing a resisting suspect, suffered a medical emergency and could not be resuscitated; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers courageously and selflessly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in law enforcement who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

LIEUTENANT EDDIE ALLEN MAYS

and for his bravery and service to the Bernie Police Department do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all police stations across Missouri; all sheriffs' offices across Missouri; all Missouri State Highway Patrol general and troop headquarters across Missouri; and all government buildings in Stoddard County, Missouri, for one full day on June 11, 2025, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 10th day of June 2025.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE