



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 1994, Lee M. Kraus began his public service career as an EMT-B with St. Louis Emergency Medical Services; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 1998, Kraus joined the St. Louis Fire Department as a firefighter; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Kraus honorably served the department for more than 27 years before suffering a medical emergency in the line of duty on June 29, 2025, and being transported to a hospital in cardiac arrest, where he died on July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters courageously and selflessly devote their lives to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the sacrifices of the brave emergency responders who risk their own lives 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

**FIREFIGHTER LEE M. KRAUS**

and for his bravery and service to the St. Louis Fire Department and the citizens of St. Louis do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at every fire station in the State of Missouri and at the Fire Fighters Memorial, located in Kingdom City, Missouri, and at all government buildings in the independent City of St. Louis from sunrise until sunset on July 9, 2025.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

