



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Henry J.R. Franklin dedicated his life to serving the United States and the State of Missouri as a member of the U.S. military and as an officer with the Sikeston Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, Henry J.R. Franklin honorably and courageously served in the United States Army from March 2002 to February 2013, and the Missouri Army National Guard from November 2013 to August 2022, serving in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism, and rising to the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Henry J.R. Franklin was commissioned as an officer by the Sikeston Department of Public Safety in June 2013, and bravely served with distinction for over 12 years, including as a K9 Handler and as a member of the Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2025, while Officer Franklin was deployed as a member of the Sikeston Department of Public Safety SWAT team to assist the Mississippi County Sheriff's Office in the apprehension of a homicide suspect, he was shot and killed by the suspect who was concealed inside a residence during the service of the arrest warrant; 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

OFFICER HENRY J.R. FRANKLIN

and for his bravery and service to the Sikeston Department of Public Safety, 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 Scott, New Madrid, and Mississippi counties in Missouri, for one full day on October 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 October 2025.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE