



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Officer Christopher R. Morton began his law enforcement career in February, 2015, working as a police officer with the Clinton Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, a decorated Missouri Army National Guard veteran, Officer Morton served his nation bravely both at home and abroad from November 2005 to November 2011 and from July 2012 to July 2016, including deployments in Kosovo and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2018, Officer Morton was on duty with the Clinton Police Department and was dispatched to a residence where a gunman opened fire with a rifle, striking Officer Morton multiple times; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Morton, despite being mortally wounded, continued to provide information about conditions inside the residence to support and help protect his fellow officers, two of whom had also been wounded, fulfilling to his last breath his commitment to selflessly serve the public and his fellow officers; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers courageously and unselfishly 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 the property of their fellow citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

### **OFFICER CHRISTOPHER R. MORTON**

and for his bravery and service to the Clinton 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 government buildings statewide for one full day on March 12, 2018, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Henry County, Missouri from March 13-16, 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 9th day of March, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Eric R. Greitens in black ink.

Eric R. Greitens  
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcroft in black ink.

Secretary of State