



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Phylcia F. Carson entered the University of Missouri Law Enforcement Training Institute on May 15, 2023, and on September 14, 2023, graduated and was issued a Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) License; and

**WHEREAS**, in her application for a Missouri Blue Scholarship to attend the training institute, Phylcia F. Carson, who was 32 and the mother of six young children, wrote, "I want to know I can make a difference in the area I am raising my children. I want to show my children how to grow up and be outstanding members of society"; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Carson was commissioned as a Police Officer with the Osage Beach Police Department on September 15, 2023, and honorably served the department through August 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, early on the morning of August 31, 2024, Officer Carson was responding to assist another officer in a vehicle pursuit when her patrol vehicle ran off the road and struck a tree, killing Officer Carson; 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, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

**OFFICER PHYLCIA F. CARSON**

and for her bravery and service to the Osage Beach 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 in Camden and Miller Counties and all police stations across Missouri for one full day on September 5, 2024, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE