



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 16, 2015

Commander Jose Ortiz  
Capitol Region  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
1500 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Commander Ortiz:

The recent despicable attacks in France are an assault on all of humanity, and the world must unite to condemn acts of terrorism on every front. As a mark of unity and as a sign of respect for those in France touched by this needless assault on human dignity, it seems fitting that flags in Texas should be lowered to half-staff in memory of those who were lost in these attacks.

Therefore, pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code and 4 U.S.C. § 7, I direct that the Texas and United States flags shall be immediately lowered statewide on Monday, November 16, 2015. Flags should return to full-staff after sunset on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Individuals, businesses, municipalities, counties and other political subdivisions and entities are encouraged to fly their flags at half-staff for the same length of time as a sign of honor, respect and unity.

The First Lady and I extend our thoughts and prayers to the survivors and families and to all those affected in France and around the world.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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