



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 8, 2016

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

Dear Commander Ortiz:

Texas has sustained a deliberate and dreadful attack against law enforcement in Dallas. The people of Texas revere the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve their communities. As such, it is fitting that flags should be lowered to half-staff in memory of these dedicated and brave Texas law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty protecting others.

As such, pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code, I direct that the Texas flag be immediately lowered statewide on Friday, July 8, 2016, in honor of the lives and public service of these slain officers. Flags should remain at half-staff through sunset on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Flags should be returned to full-staff on the following day.

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 and respect for these fallen public servants.

I extend prayers of comfort to the survivors of the shooting and to the families of the slain officers and will keep them in my thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Patrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Patrick
Lt. Governor
Acting as Governor

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