



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 30, 2015

County Judge Ed Emmett
County of Harris
1001 Preston, Suite 911
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Judge Emmett:

Texas has sustained a deliberate and heinous crime against a law enforcement officer in Harris County. Texans 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 Texas flags should be lowered to half-staff in memory of this dedicated and brave deputy sheriff.

As such, pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code, I direct that Texas flags in Harris County be lowered to half-staff beginning on Monday, August 31, 2015, in honor of the life and public service of Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth. Flags should return to full-staff on the day following the funeral service. Individuals, businesses, municipalities, 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 this brave law enforcement officer.

The First Lady and I extend our deepest condolences to Deputy Goforth's family and the Harris County Sheriff's Office during this difficult time.

Respectfully,

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

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

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