



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 18, 2018

Regional Director Chance Collins  
Capitol Region VII  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
1500 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Director Collins:

The devastating act sustained by the Santa Fe High School community today has deeply touched the core of who we are as caring people. As such, it is fitting that flags should be lowered to half-staff in memory of those who lost their lives.

Therefore, pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code, I direct the Texas flag be immediately lowered to half-staff statewide on Friday, May 18, 2018, in memory of those who lost their lives. Flags should remain at half-staff through sunset on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. 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.

The First Lady and I extend our prayers of comfort to the survivors and the families of the victims and we will continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

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

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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