



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

December 4, 2017

John Thomaides
Mayor
City of San Marcos
630 E Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Dear Mayor Thomaides:

In response to your request and pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code, I direct that Texas flags be lowered immediately to half-staff in the City of San Marcos and in any surrounding municipalities or political subdivisions in memory of San Marcos Police Officer Kenneth Copeland who was killed in the line of duty today. Flags should remain at half-staff through sunset on the day of the memorial service or funeral once it is set by the family. 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 the Texas flag at half-staff for the same length of time as a sign of honor and respect.

The First Lady and I extend our heartfelt condolences to officer Copeland's family and to the entire San Marcos Police Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Greg Abbott
Governor

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