



COUNTY OF SMITH

The Office of the County Judge
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Judge Nathaniel Moran

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July 29, 2022

Greg Davidson
Constituent Communication Director
Office of the Texas Governor, Greg Abbott
Attn: Constituent Communication
P. O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

Re: Request for flags to be flown at half-staff

Mr. Davidson,

On July 29, 2022, Smith County Sheriff's Deputy Lorenzo Bustos died in the line of duty while performing a traffic stop. On behalf of the citizens of Smith County, the law enforcement community in East Texas, and the Bustos family, I request the Governor's Office to honor Deputy Lorenzo Bustos by ordering that flags state-wide fly at half-staff beginning today, July 29, 2022 and continuing through internment.

Like the Governor, we value and support men and women in uniform across this State and our nation. We know that our community is a better and safer place because of their service and sacrifice. Today, our community mourns the loss of one of these heroes. So, we humbly ask for the ability to recognize and honor Deputy Bustos' service and life through a state-wide or region-wide directive from the Governor's office to fly all flags at half-staff.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Mournfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathaniel Moran".

Nathaniel Moran
Smith County Judge

CC: Larry Smith, Smith County Sheriff