



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 25, 2025

The Honorable Bryan Wilson
County Judge, Burnet County
Burnet County Courthouse
220 South Pierce Street
Burnet, Texas 78611

Dear Judge Wilson:

In response to your request and pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code and Title 4 of the U.S. Code §7, flags of the State of Texas and the United States of America in Burnet County may be lowered to half-staff on July 29, 2025, in honor of the life and public service of Fire Chief Michael Phillips of the Marble Falls Area Volunteer Fire Department, who went missing while responding to emergency flooding conditions along Cow Creek. Flags should return to full-staff at sunrise on the following day.

Individuals, businesses, municipalities, counties, and other political subdivisions and entities in the surrounding area may fly flags at half-staff for the same period as a sign of honor and respect.

The First Lady and I extend our prayers to the Phillips family during their time of grief and urge all Texans to remember and honor his service as a dedicated volunteer who gave his life for his community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

RB:gsd

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**BRYAN WILSON
BURNET COUNTY JUDGE**

July 24, 2025

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Re: Request for Flag Lowering Order

Dear Governor Abbott:

On July 5, 2025, Michael Phillips, the Chief of the Marble Falls Area Volunteer Fire Department was swept away by the flood waters on Cow Creek on his way to a rescue. To date he remains missing and the search is ongoing, but his Department announced his End of Watch on July 15, and his family has scheduled his memorial. I realize that you previously ordered flags of the State of Texas to be flown at half-staff for all of the victims of the floods which expired on July 14, the day before his End of Watch.

To honor Chief Phillips, I would be grateful if you could order the lowering of the flags of the State of Texas in Burnet County from sunrise to sunset on July 29, 2025, the date of his memorial in Marble Falls.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Wilson
Burnet County Judge