



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 6, 2024

The Honorable Tom Ray
Mayor, City of Fritch
104 North Robey Avenue
Fritch, Texas 79036

Dear Mayor Ray:

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 in the City of Fritch may be lowered to half-staff immediately in honor of the life and heroic public service of Fire Chief Zeb Smith, who passed away tragically while responding to a structure fire. Flags should return to full-staff at your discretion within ten days.

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

The First Lady and I extend prayers of comfort for the Smith family during their time of grief. We urge all Texans to remember and honor Chief Smith's service as a brave and dedicated firefighter.

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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