



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 5, 2020

The Honorable Jay Knight
County Judge
Liberty County
1923 Sam Houston
Liberty, Texas 77575

Mr. Rod Welsh
Executive Director
State Preservation Board
201 East 14th Street, Suite 950
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Judge Knight and Mr. Welsh:

Our state mourns the death of former State Representative John C. Otto. As a mark of respect for his life and public service, it is fitting that flags be lowered to half-staff in his honor.

Therefore, pursuant to Sections 3100.065 and 443.024(e) of the Texas Government Code, the flags of the State of Texas shall be lowered to half-staff at the Texas State Cemetery on Friday, August 7, 2020, in honor of the life and public service of John Otto. Flags at the State Cemetery should return to full-staff at sunset or by sunrise the next day.

Pursuant to the direction of Liberty County Judge Knight, flags of the State of Texas may also be lowered to half-staff in Liberty County on Friday, August 7, 2020. Individuals, businesses, and other political subdivisions and entities are encouraged to fly flags at half-staff for the same length of time in memory of John Otto. Flags should return to full-staff at sunset or by sunrise the next day.

On behalf of the State of Texas, the First Lady and I offer our thoughts and prayers to the Otto family in their time of mourning. I urge all Texans to appropriately remember his faithful service to Texas.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being particularly prominent.

Greg Abbott
Governor

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