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## Gov. Herbert lowers flags in honor of Officer Joseph William Shinners

SALT LAKE CITY (Jan. 9, 2019) – Gov. Gary R. Herbert has ordered the lowering of the flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of Utah on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 to honor the life and service of Provo City Police Officer Joseph William Shinners, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on Jan. 5, 2019.

The governor has previously issued the following statement:

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Officer Shinners. It is devastating to mourn yet another death among our brave and selfless police force, and my heart aches for Joseph's wife and young son. We owe an enormous debt to the men and women in uniform who work to protect our communities, and I pray that God will bless this dear family with peace during this very difficult time."

Flags will be flown at half-staff at all state facilities and public grounds from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 only. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to fly the flag at half-staff for the same length of time.

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