

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Holland Firefighter, Dylan Cunningham, 29, died Wednesday, September 30, 2020 following an underwater dive at Haigh Quarry Lake in Kankakee; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan Cunningham was a beloved member of the South Holland Fire Department since 2011 where he started as a part-time firefighter and began serving full time in 2018;

WHEREAS, Dylan was dedicated, loyal, hard-working, and fun-loving, he was considered a focused and mature young man and a great Village employee representing the Village well; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan Cunningham served in the Illinois Army National Guard since 2012 and trained in Poland to become a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Specialist; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan was a certified paramedic and a member of South Holland Professional Firefighters Local 4109, AFFI Honor Guard Association, and MABAS Division 24/27 Dive Team; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan received a Gold Seal from Cook County EMS Medical Director in October 2018 for his work in saving a patient on an EMS call; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan attended Thornwood High School in South Holland where he excelled as a multi-sport athlete; he received his Associates Degree of Fire Science from Prairie State College; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan was born September 14, 1991 to Rosemary Cunningham and Patrick Eugene Cunningham, and was expecting his first child in December with fiancé Laura Nye where they lived in Thornton, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan was loved and cherished by many people including his parents and fiancé, siblings Melissa (Brad) Nance, Brad (Katie) Cunningham, Shannon (Brent) Graeser, Courtney and Cody Cunningham, and honored by many surrounding fire departments with processions and assistance to South Holland Fire Department during this difficult and sad time;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to join the ongoing COVID-19 disaster proclamation and lower flags in honor of Dylan Cunningham for his brave and dedicated service to the Village of South Holland and the State of Illinois, and extend my heart-felt sympathy to his family and friends.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FIFTH day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SECOND.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR