I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma hereby direct the appropriate steps be taken to fly all American and Oklahoma flags on State property at half staff from 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 24, 1999 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 1999, to honor Trooper David Warner “Rocky” Eales.

Trooper Eales lost his life in the line of duty at 12:30 a.m. on September 24, 1999 while assisting in serving felony warrants at a residence in Sequoyah County. Trooper Eales was born July 4, 1950 in Ada, Oklahoma. He attended school in McAlester, Oklahoma. In 1972, he graduated from Southeastern State University with a B. S. in Sociology. He graduated from the 37th Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy in 1979. He served as a trooper in Tulsa, Watonga, McAlester and on the Indian Nation Turnpike and was a member of the patrol’s tactical team.

The tragic death of Trooper Eales serves as a reminder to us all of the dangers our men and women in law enforcement routinely face with courage, skill and professionalism. The ultimate sacrifice that Trooper Eales made for his state should serve as an inspiration for each Oklahoma citizen.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Director of Central Services who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City this 25th day of September, 1999.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Attest:

Mike Hunter
Secretary of State