WHEREAS, Missouri is a national leader in pork production, ranking seventh among all states in hog inventory and producing approximately four percent of all pork in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the positive impact of the pork industry on Missouri's economy is essential to continued growth; and

WHEREAS, great strides have been made in the pork industry through research in genetics, resulting in an economical and nutritious product for today's consumers; and

WHEREAS, our state's pork producers continue to support research to advance the quality of Missouri pork and to advance the use of best practices in all stages of production; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Pork Association works diligently to educate the public on issues affecting the pork industry and to promote pork products in all markets.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 to be PORK MONTH in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 1st day of October, 2020.