

State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, birthdays give an opportunity to step back and celebrate the many experiences and achievements one has had over the years; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" E. McAnany, Jr. was born on March 6, 1921, in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Bill McAnany joined the United States Navy to serve his country in 1938 at the young age of 17; and

WHEREAS, after Hospital Corps training, Bill was assigned to the USS Solace, which was anchored at the north end of Ford Island during the December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the USS Solace, and later on the USS Samaritan, Bill saw duty during World War II's entire Pacific Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Bill McAnany courageously served our nation from the first day to the last day of both World War II and the Korean War, and is the only living survivor of the USS Solace; and

WHEREAS, after completing his service to our nation, Bill retired from the United States Navy in 1958 and enjoyed a successful 26-year career selling medical X-ray equipment throughout the Midwest. Bill and his wife, Linda, have been happily married for 50 years and residents of Jefferson City for 30 years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby recognize and extend best wishes to

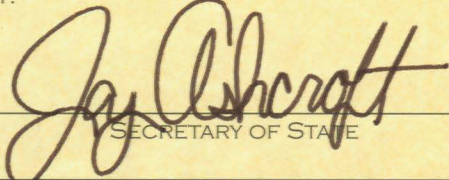
BILL MCANANY

as he celebrates his 100th birthday on March 6th, 2021, and thank him for his wartime service to our great nation.

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 6th day of March, 2021.




Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE