Office of the Governor

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri agriculture contributes $88.4 billion to the state's economy and employs nearly 400,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to more than 95,000 farms, 97% of which are family owned and operated; and

WHEREAS, Missouri farmers consistently rank in the top ten nationally in commodities including beef cattle, broiler chickens, corn, cotton, forest products, goats, hay, hogs, horses, rice, soybeans, and turkeys; and

WHEREAS, Missouri farmers work every day to produce a safe and secure food supply for consumers locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, Missouri FFA and 4-H touch the lives of more than 100,000 young men and women, building up the next generation of agriculture leaders; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to the ag tech and biotechnology corridor in St. Louis and the animal health corridor in Kansas City, and is constantly making advancements to keep up with growing demand from domestic and international markets; and

WHEREAS, agriculture experiences are numerous in Missouri, through farmers' markets, agritourism venues, wineries, and the Missouri State Fair; and

WHEREAS, agriculture impacts the lives of all Missourians from the food they eat, the milk they drink, the fuel they pump into their vehicle, and the clothes they wear.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 21-27, 2021, to be

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

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 21st day of March, 2021.

Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE