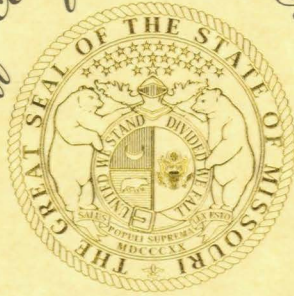


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care; and

**WHEREAS**, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all our nation's registered nursing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, more qualified registered nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, along with the American Nurses Association, the Missouri Nurses Association has declared May as Nurses Month, with the theme "You Make a Difference," for their unparalleled impact during the pandemic and health care.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be

**NURSES MONTH**

in Missouri and encourage the residents of Missouri to celebrate the accomplishments and efforts of registered nurses statewide.

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcraft*  
SECRETARY OF STATE