



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri Statehood Day, August 10, 2021, will mark the two hundredth anniversary of Missouri becoming the 24th state to enter the Union; and

WHEREAS, before Missouri was granted statehood, various locations in St. Louis had served as the seat of government for territorial affairs. As statehood became a certainty, the search began for a site to become the permanent seat of government; and

WHEREAS, an undeveloped tract of land located in the center of the state overlooking the Missouri River was chosen to become "The City of Jefferson," Missouri's permanent capital. Until the new Capitol could be constructed, the state's first legislators needed a place to meet; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 1820, Governor Alexander McNair signed a bill making St. Charles the first capital city of Missouri. Legislators met in St. Charles for the first time on June 4, 1821, and the site served as Missouri's first state capitol through October 1, 1826; and

WHEREAS, this Missouri historical milestone will be commemorated in St. Charles at the First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site on Saturday, August 7, 2021, during the Bicentennial Bash and Commemoration event; and

WHEREAS, Missouri citizens will engage in a meaningful look into the Show-Me State's past, present, and future and reflect on the events, people, and places that have helped shape our state and its unique history; and

WHEREAS, this is a time of commemoration and reflection in order to build a strong future for the state, and the next two hundred years of Missouri history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site to be

HONORARY CAPITOL FOR THE DAY

on August 7, 2021.

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 28th day of July, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE