



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, water is one of our most valuable economic, environmental, and recreational resources; and

**WHEREAS**, safe drinking water sustains the life, health, and safety of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, abundant water supplies attract industry and investment, and create jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, proper transport and treatment of wastewater contributes to healthy communities, and improved water quality for streams, rivers, and lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, clean and safe water are necessary to fulfill the motto of the State of Missouri "Salus populi suprema lex esto," ("The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law."); and

**WHEREAS**, water and wastewater treatment professionals maintain and operate the infrastructure, facilities, and services that are vital to sustainable and resilient communities, public health, high quality of life, and the well-being of the people of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, water and wastewater professionals were recognized as essential personnel during the COVID-19 response for their efforts to protect Missouri citizens and critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri water and wastewater treatment professionals include certified operators, maintenance personnel, laboratory staff, wastewater collection crews, biosolids workers, industrial waste pretreatment personnel, engineers, administrative staff, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals Week is a unique opportunity for water and wastewater professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water and wastewater professionals play in our daily lives.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim August 15-21, 2021, to be

**WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROFESSIONALS 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE