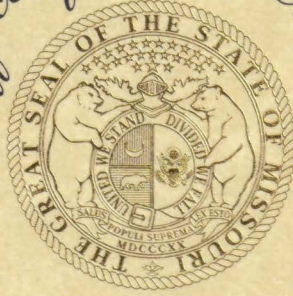


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 1931, Governor Henry S. Caulfield signed into law an act of the 56<sup>th</sup> Missouri General Assembly establishing the Missouri State Highway Patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Patrol, which began serving the citizens of Missouri with a colonel, a highway patrolling force of 55 members, and a handful of civilians, has grown into a full-service, externally-accredited law enforcement agency employing more than 1,200 uniformed members, 520 uniformed civilians, and 540 support staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Patrol has equitably enforced laws, provided life-saving emergency rescues and services, responded to natural disasters, and protected the constitutional rights of Missourians and visitors to our state to ensure a safe and secure environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Patrol has a rich tradition of serving and protecting the citizens of Missouri with integrity, responsibility, respect, professionalism, compassion, resourcefulness, character, and commitment for 90 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Patrol recognizes the importance of and strives to reflect diversity, inclusion, and accountability to the public through all its actions, including recruiting, community involvement, and its Show-Me Integrity portal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Patrol has excelled as a criminal justice leader in commercial vehicle enforcement, driving while intoxicated enforcement, marine enforcement, criminal investigation, crime laboratory analysis, research, public education, gaming enforcement, law enforcement training, motor vehicle inspection, driver examination, and other important areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the state of Missouri will be eternally grateful for the brave and selfless sacrifice of the 31 Patrol members who paid the ultimate price while serving Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of public service to the citizens of Missouri.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2021, to be

### **MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL DAY**

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*

SECRETARY OF STATE