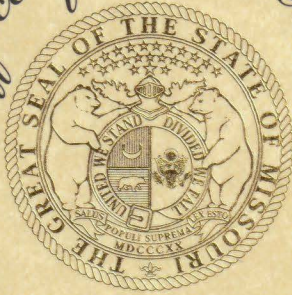


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, pharmacists are the most accessible health care providers delivering critical services to patients and contributing to the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications, provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes, and serve as providers during public health emergencies and every day; and

WHEREAS, as front-line providers throughout the health care system and community, pharmacists and pharmacy personnel have ensured the public is cared for; and

WHEREAS, with a community pharmacy located within five miles of nearly all Americans and pharmacy's other access points to the public, pharmacists and pharmacy personnel are making an impact in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in communities across Missouri through testing, treatment, and vaccination efforts; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and helping patients overcome illness and live healthier lives through chronic disease management and the fully effective use of their medicines; and

WHEREAS, today, there are over 7,000 licensed pharmacists in Missouri providing care and serving as patient advocates for ensuring access to the best and safest therapy to the patients they serve.

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

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in Missouri, and urge all citizens to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, accessible, affordable, and beneficial patient care services and products to all citizens and protect the public health of our communities.

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 14th day of September, 2021.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE