WHEREAS, in the summer of 1950, the United States took military action to defend the sovereign nation of South Korea, which had been unjustly attacked on June 25; and

WHEREAS, more than 34,000 brave Americans gave their lives in this conflict, defending liberty, protecting the ideals of democracy, and liberating the oppressed; and

WHEREAS, over a period of three years from 1950 to 1953, more than 1.7 million American troops fought bravely to advance the cause of freedom and liberty in harsh battles such as Pork Chop Hill, Heartbreak Ridge, the Pusan Perimeter, and the Chosin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed to end active hostilities on the Korean peninsula; and

WHEREAS, America honors those who bravely served and those whose fate is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, all Americans give our eternal thanks to those who so selflessly gave their lives so that we may live in freedom and liberty today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2022, to be

KOREAN WAR VETERANS 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 13th day of July, 2022.