



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors, individuals, and organizations to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as "Blue Star Welcome Week"; and

WHEREAS, during this week we recognize the more than 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these "permanent change of station" (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

WHEREAS, only 30 percent of military family respondents, reported in the 2021 Military Family Lifestyle Survey, feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

WHEREAS, a sense of belonging is important to the well-being and readiness of military families; and

WHEREAS, we commit to ensuring that military families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

WHEREAS, we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, we encourage civilians nationwide to welcome military-connected families into their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 24 - October 2, 2022, to be

BLUE STAR WELCOME 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 4th day of August, 2022.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE