WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States and the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our State and to provide additional resources that the citizens of Missouri need; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is committed to working with Feeding Missouri in educating people about the role and importance of food banks by addressing hunger, and by raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than one million individuals in Missouri rely on food provided by the members of Feeding Missouri annually; and

WHEREAS, the members of Feeding Missouri distributed more than 240 million pounds of food in 2021 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the six Feeding Missouri food banks, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

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

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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 10th day of August, 2022.