



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, civil rights pioneer, Rosa Louise McCauley Parks, was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, and attended secondary education led by the Alabama State Teachers College for Negroes; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks became increasingly active in Civil Rights issues and joined the Montgomery chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1943, serving as the chapter's secretary; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks changed the course of history on December 1, 1955, by refusing to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Rosa was arrested for defying the city codes which denied equal rights to African American citizens. Her act of courage motivated an entire African American community to boycott the racially segregated bus system for 381 days; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the federal court's ruling, declaring segregation on buses unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Rosa Parks was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2005, Rosa Parks passed away at the age of 92.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2023, to be

ROSA PARKS DAY

in Missouri, and encourage the people of Missouri that this day be observed in honor of and out of respect for Rosa Parks.

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 January, 2023.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE