



*State of Missouri*

## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, National Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri is recognized as an Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) state in an effort to decrease maternal and infant mortality due to the collaboration between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Hospital Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Board reviews all maternal deaths that occur while a woman is pregnant, or within one year of the end of her pregnancy, to identify factors that contribute to, or directly cause the death, and to prevent future occurrences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Show Me Healthy Women Program supports women's health by offering free breast and cervical cancer screening for eligible women between the ages of 35-64; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) Program provides heart disease and stroke prevention health screenings and educational information to eligible women aged 40-64, who are low-income, underinsured or uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Title V Maternal Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant Program is responsible for promoting the health of all women of childbearing age, pregnant women, and mothers in Missouri through the provision of preventive and primary care services and partnership with multidisciplinary stakeholders across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCH Services Program helps support a leadership role for local public health agencies at the local level to build community-based systems and expand resources; provide access to quality MCH services; reduce health disparities for women and promote the health of mothers by assuring prenatal, delivery and postpartum care for low income, at-risk pregnant women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Extended Women's Health Services Program covers family planning-related services, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, including pap tests and pelvic exams, and follow-up services for uninsured women who are 18-55 years of age with a Modified Adjusted Gross Income for the household size that does not exceed 201% of the Federal Poverty Level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office on Women's Health promotes initiatives to improve women's health and safety, including championing tobacco cessation for pregnant women and their families, promoting strategies to improve perinatal health, sharing educational information and supporting doula training and group prenatal care.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2023, to be

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in Missouri, and encourage all citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE