



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans will observe Flag Day on June 14, 2023, a traditional time to honor the Nation's symbol of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks another significant milestone in the history of the United States: the 131st anniversary year of the Pledge of Allegiance; and

WHEREAS, the historic oath was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy for the National Public School Celebration of Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most widely recited verses in American literature, the Pledge of Allegiance offers us an opportunity to reaffirm our belief in the very foundation of government and in the cherished goals toward which we continually strive; and

WHEREAS, Americans are a diverse people, but are united by what we believe: that all people are created equal; that all deserve to live in freedom; and everyone should enjoy equal opportunity and justice for all.

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

FLAG DAY

in Missouri and encourage citizens to observe this day by displaying the U.S. flag, by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public ceremonies, and by participating in other activities organized by local governments and civic organizations in communities across 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 23rd day of May, 2023.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft

SECRETARY OF STATE