



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

Whereas, breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer death in women; and

Whereas, in 2018, an estimated 266,120 women and 2,550 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in America, including more than 5,000 Missourians, and approximately 40,920 women and 480 men are expected to die from the disease; and

Whereas, regular screening is vital in reducing breast cancer mortality and increasing the odds of survival through early detection, making it important to support efforts to increase awareness of screening options and encourage individuals to pursue regular screening; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services manages the Show Me Healthy Women Program, which provides breast cancer screening for Missouri women who meet age, income, and insurance eligibility guidelines; ultimately saving the lives of Missourians by assisting women in receiving screening to help in early detection of breast cancer; and

Whereas, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time for all Missourians to recognize breast cancer survivors; those battling the disease, and those family members and friends who are a constant source of love and encouragement, and to celebrate the work of medical professionals and researchers striving to find a cure for this deadly disease; and

Whereas, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite all Missourians to prevent breast cancer deaths through increased education and regular screening; and

Now Therefore, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri, and hereby order the dome of the Missouri State Capitol to be lit in pink from sunset on Thursday, October 18, 2018, to sunrise on Friday, October 19, 2018.

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 16th day of October, 2018.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE