



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 100 million Americans affected by liver disease, with many unaware that the risk factors for liver disease include diabetes, heart disease, and obesity; and

WHEREAS, there are many kinds of liver diseases and conditions, the most common being hepatitis viruses, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), autoimmune diseases, genetic conditions, alcohol-related liver disease, cancer, and others; and

WHEREAS, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) causes excess fat to build up in the liver, research estimates that fatty liver disease is present in up to 75% of overweight people and in more than 90% of people with severe obesity; and

WHEREAS, NAFLD now the most common form of childhood liver disease in the U.S., more than doubling over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) is a dangerously progressive form of NAFLD in which patients have inflammation of the liver and liver damage, in addition to excess fat, NASH is expected to become the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States between 2020 and 2025.

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

LIVER AWARENESS MONTH

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 13th day of September, 2023.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE