



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is founded on four principles: inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a key method of promoting these four principles is for schools to recognize the contributions by people with disabilities to society and provide instruction in disability history and the disability rights movement through school curricula, school assemblies, and other school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Missourians with disabilities are recognized nationwide for their leadership in the disability rights movement and providing services that enable people with disabilities to participate in, and contribute to, their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society, it is essential to promote and educate about the valuable contributions of people with disabilities and to raise awareness of the proud heritage of disability history.

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

**DISABILITY HISTORY 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



Michael L. Parson  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE