



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. George P. Smith recently became the first University of Missouri professor to win a Nobel Prize for work conducted at the University; and

WHEREAS, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced in October that Dr. Smith was one of three researchers awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith developed an elegant method known as phage display, where a bacteriophage - a virus that infects bacteria - can be used to evolve new proteins and this method has been used to produce anti-bodies that can neutralize toxins, counteract autoimmune diseases, and cure metastatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is a University of Missouri Curators' Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences; recently retiring in 2015, after serving the University with distinction for forty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith's devotion to scientific innovation is a boost for Missouri's higher education institutions, equipping them to train our workforce of the future; and his diligent efforts at the forefront of this scientific breakthrough will continue to help transform our society.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby commend

DR. GEORGE P. SMITH

for the richly deserved honor of being awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

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 6th day of November.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE