

## State of Missouri Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of Missouri and the United States enjoy today are the direct result of the brave men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces during times of conflict and peace; and

WHEREAS, over 480,000 men and women who call Missouri home defended our country by serving in one of our branches of the military.

WHEREAS, we will never be able to repay fully the sacrifices military service members and their families have made on behalf of all American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the service of every member of the Armed Forces touches the lives of all Americans and is a reminder that we must never take our freedom for granted; and

WHEREAS, it has long been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS, let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us renew our consecration to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not be in vain; and

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

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in Missouri, and urge all citizens to join in honoring and remembering all who valiantly served our country.

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 8th day of November, 2018.



hael L. Parson