



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Christmas tree is a classic symbol of the holiday season, and its sentimental importance is held dear in the hearts of many Americans; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is proud to be home to Christmas tree farms that support this American tradition by providing families with the opportunity to harvest and personally select a family tree; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 350 million real Christmas trees currently growing on Christmas tree farms in the U.S. alone; and

WHEREAS, real Christmas trees are a long-standing tradition for Missouri families to celebrate the holiday season with a fresh, farm-grown Christmas tree; and

WHEREAS, Christmas tree enthusiasts believe the aroma of a real Christmas tree is a strong reminder and symbol of life, family traditions, and the innocence of childhood itself; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Christmas Tree Association strives to provide high quality Christmas trees to consumers and promote the benefits of the Christmas tree industry to our state's economy and environment.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim December 2018 to be

CHRISTMAS TREE 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 26th day of November, 2018.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE