



*State of Missouri*

## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, this administration is committed to the promotion of STEM education in all Missouri schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming our society through technological innovation, economic opportunity, and social interaction; and

**WHEREAS**, the study of computer science equips young people with the knowledge and skills to gather and evaluate evidence, make sense of complex information, and ultimately to solve difficult issues; and

**WHEREAS**, demand for computer science related jobs is high with around 10,000 positions going unfilled in Missouri during 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri has opportunities for improvement in computer science education, as only 69 schools offered an advanced placement computer science course during the 2016-2017 academic school year and only 631 AP Computer Science exams were taken by high school students in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, all students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to the qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

**WHEREAS**, participating in Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the computer science field and encourage more students to take up further studies of computer science.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim December 3–9, 2018, to be

### **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK**

in Missouri and hereby:

- 1) Encourage schools, educators, parents, and policymakers to participate in Computer Science Education Week by enabling their students to participate in the Hour of Code;
- 2) Encourage schools, educators, university faculty, business leaders, and policymakers to continue identifying mechanisms for teachers to receive professional development that provides sustainable learning experiences in computer science and coding at all educational levels;
- 3) Encourage opportunities, including through existing programs, for students of all backgrounds to be exposed to computer science educational opportunities.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE