



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, all Missourians should be aware of the ever-present dangers posed by potentially poisonous household substances; and

WHEREAS, toll-free access to the Missouri Poison Center at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis exists as part of a statewide network to reduce poisoning injury and deaths; and

WHEREAS, public calls to the Missouri Poison Center save lives and money by eliminating unnecessary emergency room visits, curtailing inappropriate use of emergency department vehicles, and reducing the length of patient stays in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, health care professionals and institutions committed to public education about poison prevention will sponsor events during the week of March 17-23, 2024, to raise public awareness of the toll-free hotline for poisoning; and

WHEREAS, through collective partnership and collaboration, the number of accidental poisoning and overdose cases in Missouri will decrease, saving the lives of Missourians across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2024, to be

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

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 17th day of January, 2024.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE