



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against polio; and

WHEREAS, Since the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, polio cases have decreased by more than 99%. In addition, polio vaccines have prevented an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis in children since 1988; and

WHEREAS, science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

WHEREAS, people have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri invites residents to show their appreciation for our workers in the fields of research, technology, science education, laboratory science, and medicine; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to reflect on and share how science advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2024, to be

NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY

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 29th day of January, 2024.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE