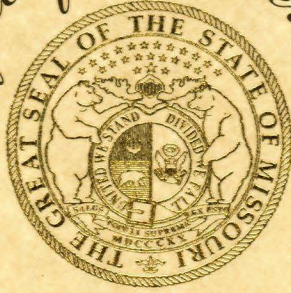


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in 1928, 33 young men met at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, beginning the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization; and now, 96 years later, there are 9,163 FFA chapters and 945,988 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, of these chapters, there are 362 within Missouri bringing membership to over 26,830 members which is the eighth highest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the FFA organization provides students with the chance to develop leadership skills, take on responsibilities, and motivate fellow students to become active in their communities and their schools; and

**WHEREAS**, FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet the challenges of feeding a growing population by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways through their experiences in agricultural education.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 17-24, 2024, to be

**NATIONAL FFA WEEK**

in Missouri and encourage all citizens to support their local FFA chapter.

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*

SECRETARY OF STATE