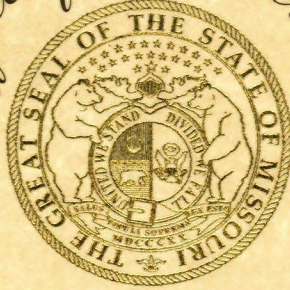


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Missouri beef producers have a long history of caring for their cattle and the environment by protecting land, air, and water resources on their farms and ranches; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri farmers and ranchers are a driving force in the state's economy, producing nearly \$2 billion in sales annually and supporting more than 40,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's 53,000 farms encompassing more than 10 million acres are home to hard-working farming and ranching families and their more than four million head of cattle and calves; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri beef producers work every day to produce a variety of versatile beef choices that are wholesome and safe for families across Missouri, the United States, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, beef is recognized as one of the most nutrient-dense foods, with 10 essential nutrients supplying at least 10% of the daily requirements in one three-ounce serving; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's beef industry is indicative of the commitment of Missouri's farmers and ranchers to good stewardship, providing the world with a safe, wholesome, and abundant food supply.

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

**BEEF 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*  
SECRETARY OF STATE