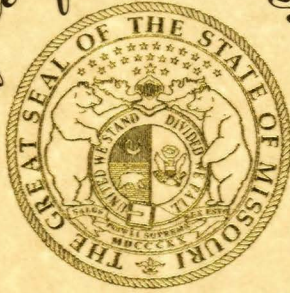


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, one of the most important functions of Missouri State Government is protecting residents and promoting public safety for all who live in and visit the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1 was introduced in the Missouri General Assembly's first Extraordinary Session of 1973 to reorganize State Government into the modern structure of executive departments we know today, including establishing the Missouri Department of Public Safety to coordinate statewide law enforcement, criminal justice, and public safety efforts across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, on February, 14, 1974, Governor Christopher S. Bond, signed into law Senate Bill 1, known as the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974, which required that agencies such as the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Department of Liquor Control, State Fire Marshal, and the Safety and Fire Prevention Bureau of the Department of Health and Public Welfare be transferred to the Department of Public Safety by July 1, 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Department of Public Safety consists of eight divisions – Missouri State Highway Patrol, State Emergency Management Agency, Division of Fire Safety, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Missouri Capitol Police, Missouri Veterans Commission, Missouri Gaming Commission, and the Office of the Director, which oversees the other divisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Director, through the Office of Homeland Security, DPS Grants Program, Peace Officer Standards and Training Program, Office for Victims of Crime, and Missouri Interoperability Center, administers programs that support local law enforcement and other first responders, emergency management, school safety, crime victims, and interoperable communications across the state through grants, training, and information sharing; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past half-century, through the hard work and dedication of its thousands of present and past team members, the Department of Public Safety has continued to adapt and take on additional responsibilities in order to protect the safety of Missourians.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby commend the

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

for 50 years of devoted public service, which will be commemorated on June 6, 2024.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*  
SECRETARY OF STATE