



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the U.S.S. Missouri officially joined the Atlantic Fleet on July 31, 2010, and has served admirably the past several years in the European Theatre of Operations; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.S. Missouri (SSN-780) has successfully transferred to the Pacific Fleet and was greeted by its predecessor, the U.S.S. Missouri (BB-63); and

WHEREAS, the U.S.S. Missouri (BB-63) was the third and best-known Missouri battleship, the last battleship built by the United States, and sponsored by Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, the keel for the U.S.S. Missouri (BB-63) was laid in 1941, she was commissioned in June 1944, and sent to join the Pacific Fleet in early 1945; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.S. Missouri (BB-63) was the flagship of Task Force 58 and, at the request of President Truman, was the site of the Instrument of Formal Surrender, which was signed on her deck on September 2, 1945. Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, along with a delegation, signed the surrender documents before Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and Army General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, once again a ship named for the Great State of Missouri will protect and defend the interests of the United States of America in the Pacific.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2019, to be

U.S.S. MISSOURI DAY

throughout the State of Missouri in honor of the vessels that bear the name of this State and the 75th anniversary of the U.S.S. Missouri (BB-63).

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 22nd day of January, 2019.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE