



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in 1990, establishing a national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, though the ADA was a crucial first step, barriers to accessibility persist in the lives of people with disabilities in Missouri and across the country, impacting their right to vote and access the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is an essential way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state, and national elections, yet voting processes that are inaccessible result in lower turnout rates among people with disabilities compared to those without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical and continued interest in policies and decisions made at all levels of government that advance inclusion of people with disabilities in every aspect of public life, and the involvement of the disability community in creating public policy is key to ensuring these policies meet the needs of people with disabilities in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, making voting accessible for all Missourians with disabilities is vital to creating a robust electorate informed by a wide range of human experiences; and

WHEREAS, members of the national cross-disability community are organizing the seventh annual Disability Voting Rights Week from September 9-13, 2024, with events around the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 9-13, 2024, to be

DISABILITY VOTING RIGHTS WEEK

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 9th day of September, 2024.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE