

*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge exists to educate and inspire women leaders to make a difference by involving more women in finding solutions to problems facing Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge is designed to bring together women leaders throughout the State to learn about critical community, state and national issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge provides a unique experience that challenges participants' assumptions, beliefs, and core values while exposing them to issues affecting their local, regional, and State communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge is a traveling symposium that meets four times each year around the great State of Missouri to offer participants a rural, urban, and outside perspective of the diverse issues that impact the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge is objective and data-focused, providing participants access to top corporate, education, government, and non-profit leaders from across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge was modeled after Leadership Texas designed in 1982 by the late Governor Ann Richards of Texas to specifically prepare women for state leadership positions; and

**WHEREAS**, since its creation twenty years ago, more than 1,200 Missouri women have participated in Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge; and

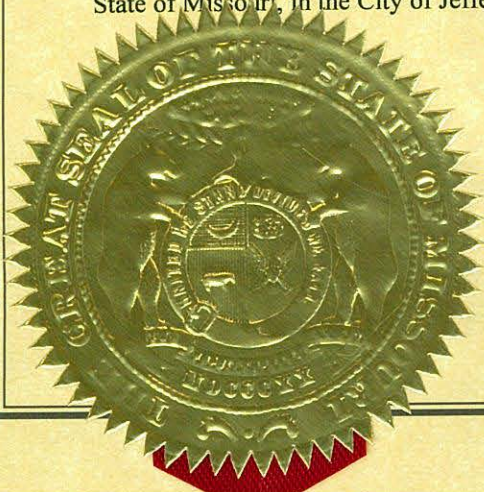
**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge has created a statewide network of accomplished women who are leading and serving their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge alumnae report greater interest and participation in local, state, and national issues serving in volunteer, appointed, and elected positions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby commend and applaud the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge on its 30<sup>th</sup> year providing leadership opportunities to Missouri women through this outstanding program and proclaim March 3, 2019, to be

**GREATER MISSOURI LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE DAY**

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE