

## State of Missouri Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross has been at the forefront of helping Missourians prevent, prepare, and respond to both large and small disasters alike; and

WHEREAS, countless people across our state turn to the American Red Cross to support our communities through emergency, response and recovery planning, disaster assistance, vital life-saving prevention and preparedness courses; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2014 the Red Cross has helped save 26 lives through the Home Fire Campaign by installing 34,596 smoke alarms and making more than 21,034 households safer; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the state, in the last year, the Red Cross provided 7,784 emergency services to military members, veterans and their families; and collected 113,250 units of blood from generous blood donors.; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a crucial role as a reliable partner to state, county, and local officials across Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross effectively and efficiently fulfills its mission and activities in the state because of the unfailing support of the people of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the American Red Cross give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand and truly represent the care and compassion of our great state.

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

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

in Missouri, in recognition of and in tribute to the thousands of citizens who partner in emergency response and recovery, education, and in preparedness activities and the countless hours they volunteer to advance the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross, we formally recognize and honor their essential humanitarian role in our Missouri communities.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



Michael L. Parson

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