

STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, as our nation prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of America on July 4, 2026, communities across the country are called upon to celebrate democracy with unity and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, state fairs, long and cherished American traditions, serve as lively expressions of citizen pride, where neighbors gather to honor agriculture, culture, creativity, and the enduring spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, all state fairs are called upon to serve as patriotic celebration centers for America 250, enriching their events with historic patriotism and tributes to the foundation of our nation's spirit; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri proudly answers that call, inspiring Missourians to form a more perfect union through our own cherished tradition—the Missouri State Fair, established in 1901, as an important symbol of our cultural and agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri designates the 2025 Missouri State Fair as a Great American State Fair in a meaningful way to recognize the values and traditions that have long defined our state; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Fair connects generations through its celebration of community, education, and innovation, and will feature competitions, concerts, midway rides, and fair food from August 7 until August 17 in Sedalia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, from livestock shows to 4-H and FFA competitions, home economics to ribbon-winning produce, let each exhibit showcase the freedom and grit that forged a nation; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Fair is proud to celebrate our nation's history, agriculture and traditions. Let our rural communities, youth exhibitors and family farms take center stage in this moment, celebrating the people, traditions, beliefs, values, and histories that have shaped Missouri and continue to sustain our nation; and

WHEREAS, let us celebrate Missouri's unique heritage and contributions to the American story as starting point for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Gateway to the West, and home to the Pony Express. Missouri is the proud birthplace of many talented individuals, including Mark Twain, President Harry S. Truman, and Walt Disney. It is a great time to reflect on our past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to a promising future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the 2025 Missouri State Fair as a

GREAT AMERICAN FAIR

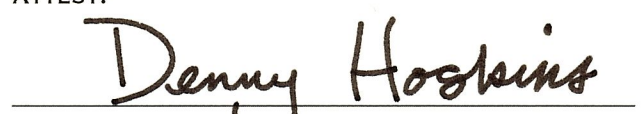
in Missouri.

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 7th day of August 2025.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE