

STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, black walnuts are the “Bold, Wild walnut,” native to the Midwest and very different from regular walnuts grown in California orchards; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is the Black Walnut Capital of the World, #1 in production of this sustainable agricultural resource; and

WHEREAS, the black walnut is recognized as the official state tree nut of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, people in Missouri harvest wild black walnuts by hand every fall, creating memories and earning millions of dollars that are spent in Missouri’s communities; and

WHEREAS, black walnut nutmeats are healthy and versatile, adding a naturally bold flavor to ice cream, cakes, cookies, entrees, and many other foods, with more protein than any other tree nut; and

WHEREAS, black walnut shells are processed and used for many purposes, such as abrasive cleaning and polishing, oil well drilling, filtering water, and sports fields; and

WHEREAS, the black walnut timber industry annually contributes millions of dollars to the state’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the recognized leader in the black walnut nut industry is Stockton’s own Hammons Products Company, a locally owned family business since 1946; and

WHEREAS, in September, the city of Stockton and all its residents, past and present, celebrate the 65th annual Black Walnut Festival, one of Missouri’s great local traditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 25 – 27, 2025, to be

BLACK WALNUT WEEK

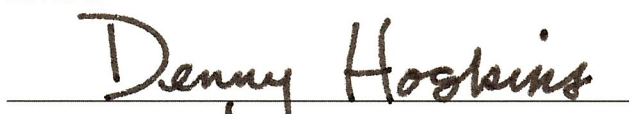
in Missouri.

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 3rd day of September 2025.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE