



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Great State of Missouri proudly pauses to recognize the United States Marine Corps' 250th birthday, celebrating Marines both past and present, and paying tribute to the Corps' legacy of service since its founding during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps has, since its inception, remained steadfast in its singular mission: to engage and defeat the enemy in battle in defense of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, Marines have struck fear in the hearts of America's adversaries through their unmatched skill, discipline, and resolve on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Marines have time and again proven themselves worthy of the Corps' sacred motto, *Semper Fidelis*, responding swiftly and decisively by land, sea, and air—wherever and whenever they are needed across the globe; and

WHEREAS, through their courage, professionalism, and unwavering devotion to duty, Marines have earned the admiration of Americans, both during their active service and in the years after they return home to continue serving their communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, at duty stations and Marine commands across the world, in both formal and time-honored traditions, Marines will commemorate this milestone birthday—including a cake-cutting ceremony in the Missouri State Capitol—to honor the Corps' history, heritage, and enduring spirit; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has been strengthened immeasurably by generations of Marines who have served with honor in times of war and peace, exemplifying the courage and commitment for which the Corps is renowned; and

WHEREAS, this birthday celebration offers all Missourians a meaningful opportunity to express gratitude for Marines past, present, and future—those who have stood, and continue to stand, ready to fight on our nation's behalf; and

WHEREAS, as a state and as a nation, we proudly say, "Happy Birthday, Marines."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2025, to be

THE MARINE CORPS' 250TH BIRTHDAY

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 10th day of November 2025.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE