



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is a time to commemorate the many and varied contributions of African Americans to the history and culture of this state, nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, focusing attention on the heritage of people of African descent will foster understanding, appreciation, and pride in the diversity of our society and in the cultural, social, and historical forces that shape the lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to seize the opportunity to honor the often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of the national observance of Black History in the United States, recognizing the profound impact of African American culture, achievements, and leadership on our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 2026 to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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 5th day of February 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE