



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, National Hire a Veteran Day, observed on July 25 each year to encourage employers to consider hiring and supporting veterans in the workforce, serves to raise awareness about the importance of hiring veterans and to encourage businesses to provide support and resources for veterans as they enter the civilian workforce; and

WHEREAS, Marine Corps veteran and Hire Our Heroes founder Dan Caporale created National Hire a Veteran Day in 2017 as a call to action for hiring companies and to encourage veteran job applicants; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act (HIRE Vets Act) in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri's Office of Administration – Division of Personnel organized the Hire a Veteran Day and Veterans Recognition Ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City, supported by many of the State of Missouri's agencies in attendance at the special event; and

WHEREAS, members of all branches of the United States military services are honored at the Hire a Veteran event at the Missouri Capitol, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve; and

WHEREAS, a special challenge coin was minted for veterans to thank them for their military service in support of their country and their state, and will be presented to each veteran in attendance at the Hire a Veteran Day event; and

WHEREAS, the representation of our military forces at the Hire a Veteran event includes a ranking member of the Missouri National Guard, whose state mission is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state law under the authority of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Guard's federal mission is to maintain properly trained and equipped units for prompt mobilization for war, a national emergency, or as otherwise directed by the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim July 25, 2026, to be

HIRE A VETERAN DAY

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 24th day of July 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE