

Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Hire a Veteran Day, which is held on the 25th of July each year, encourages employers to consider veterans for employment due to their unique experiences which include: leadership, dedication, endurance, integrity, and many other invaluable traits to the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Missouri and our great nation owe a great debt to those valiant men and women who served our country in the Armed Forces, protecting our rights, our freedoms, our ideals and our hopes; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is fortunate to have a large and engaged veteran population with over 450,000 calling Missouri home; and Missouri's veterans contribute to the state's economy over \$1.7 Billion dollars in pension and benefit compensation annually; and

WHEREAS, the great state of Missouri is home to two active duty military installations: Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, of the more than 58,000 service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, approximately 1,400 were from Missouri. In addition, among the 1,589 who remain Missing in Action, approximately 35 are Missourians; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is fortunate to have veteran-supportive businesses who recruit and value the experiences that military veterans bring to the workplace.

WHEREAS, today we take a moment to showcase how special our veterans are to our Country and the State of Missouri for what veterans bring to the workplace: honesty and integrity, service before self, and excellence in all they do.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI do hereby recognize July 25, 2019 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 the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 19th day of July, 2019.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcraft
SECRETARY OF STATE