WHEREAS, in 1928, 33 young men met at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, beginning the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization; and now, 92 years later, there are 8,612 FFA chapters and 700,000 members in the nation including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, of these chapters, there are 348 within Missouri bringing membership to nearly 26,000 members which is the sixth highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the FFA organization provides students with the chance to develop leadership skills, take on responsibilities, and motivate fellow students to become active in their communities and their schools; and

WHEREAS, FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet the challenges of feeding a growing population by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways through their experiences in agricultural education.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 22-29, 2020, to be

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in Missouri and encourage all citizens to support their local FFA chapter.

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 19th day of February, 2020.