Governor's Proclamation

Office of the Governor

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike L. Parson, Governor of the State of Missouri, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the word “physically” was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the physicially handicapped, workers with disabilities, and Americans bear a significant burden and are major contributors to our economy and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate and inform about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, through the U.S. Department of Labor, is committed to increasing the public’s awareness of the value of people with disabilities in the workforce and the value of a diverse and inclusive workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Council on Developmental Disabilities (MSDDD) and the Missouri Commission on Disability have worked to enhance awareness of employment opportunities for people with disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike L. Parson, Governor of the State of Missouri, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

I have herein set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 4th day of September, 2020.

Mike L. Parson
Governor

Secretary of State