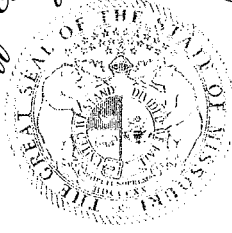


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is founded on four principles: inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a key method of promoting these four principles is for schools to recognize the contributions by people with disabilities to society and provide instruction in disability history and the disability rights movement through school curricula, school assemblies, and other school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Missourians with disabilities are recognized nationwide for their leadership in the disability rights movement and providing services that enable people with disabilities to participate in, and contribute to, their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri government entities have long recognized that inclusion of people with disabilities in public policy-making, particularly regarding policies that affect people in the community, is in the best interest of the state; and

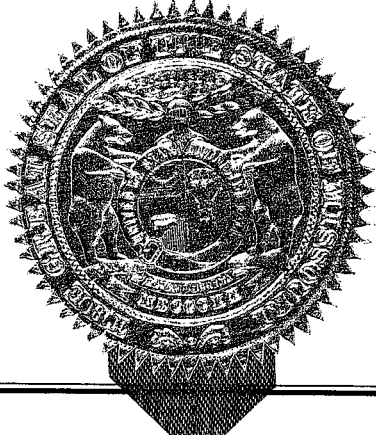
**WHEREAS**, many of Missouri's businesses and agencies demonstrate that employing persons with disabilities benefits the business, the employee, and the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society, it is essential to promote and educate about the valuable contributions of people with disabilities and to raise awareness of the proud heritage of disability history.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2018 to be

**DISABILITY 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Michael L. Parson.

*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcraft.  
SECRETARY OF STATE