

*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, nearly one million people with disabilities reside in the State of Missouri, including youth receiving special education services or some type of accommodation for a disability; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri recognized the importance of educating and training youth with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, 2018 marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the American's with Disabilities Act; 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**, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

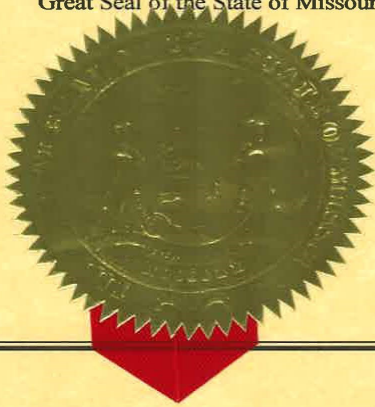
**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri is recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month this October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities.

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

**NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

in Missouri by calling upon employers, schools, and other community organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities to advance its important message.

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.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE