Whereas, tuberculosis is a preventable disease that infects one-third of the world’s population; and

Whereas, more than nine million people will develop the disease this year; and

Whereas, 107 cases of active tuberculosis disease and 2,732 Latent Tuberculosis Infections were reported in Missouri in 2010; and

Whereas, tuberculosis disproportionately burdens the immune-compromised, including individuals with HIV, minority groups and those born outside the United States; and

Whereas, each year, thousands of household members, health care employees and others who share the air with infectious tuberculosis patients are at risk of becoming infected with the tuberculosis bacterium and progressing to active disease; and

Whereas, drug resistant tuberculosis is becoming more common and is often fatal; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is working with partners and communities to promote prevention and early diagnosis of tuberculosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [name and title of your elected official], by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of [city, state, or locality], do hereby proclaim March 24, 2012 as Tuberculosis Awareness Day in [city or state] and call upon the people of [city or state] to observe this day by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to increase their awareness and understanding of tuberculosis infection and disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this [day] day of month, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

Signature

[Insert City/State or Other Official Seal]