



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, approximately 23,000 traumatic brain injuries occur in Missouri each year, impacting individuals, families, and communities across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 120,000 children and adults are living with a disability due to a brain injury in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, traumatic brain injury results in impairment of cognitive abilities, physical functioning, or behavioral or emotional wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, young athletes are acquiring traumatic brain injuries due to sports-related concussions; the Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act has been enacted by the Missouri General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals who sustain a traumatic brain injury require extensive support by providers and others with a thorough understanding of traumatic brain injury and its related issues so that those affected may live an independent lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, the growing number of brain injury survivors has heightened the demand for rehabilitation services, long-term care, community, and family support, impacting not only the injured person but also the entire family; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council, the Adult Brain Injury Program, the Traumatic Brain Injury State Implementation Partnership Grant Program, the Brain Injury Association of Missouri, and statewide partners continue to work on activities to advance efforts in the areas of prevention, public awareness, and services for those whose lives have been affected by brain injuries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby proclaim March 2025 to be

**BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025.



*Michael Kehoe*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Denny Hoskins*

SECRETARY OF STATE