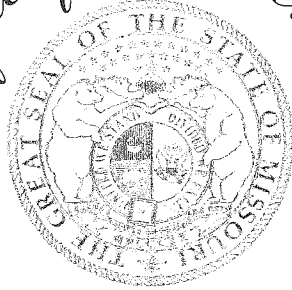


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri's school nutrition professionals, farmers and ranchers are recognized and celebrated for their leadership to ensure the students of Missouri are fed; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's schools significantly impact the nutrition students receive and their development of healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is home to many vibrant family farms that supply local schools and markets; and

WHEREAS, Missouri does best when state agencies and community partners collaborate to achieve common goals; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, The State of Missouri supports our school nutrition professionals, farmers, and ranchers, and celebrates National Farm to School Month in October.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be

FARM TO SCHOOL 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 16th day of September, 2022.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcraft
SECRETARY OF STATE