

*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri includes more than 1.1 million older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom and experience to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri is committed to strengthening our communities by connecting with older adults, their families and caregivers, and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

**WHEREAS**, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are welcomed, included and supported; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri recognizes the need to create communities that provide the services older Americans need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri can work to build even better communities for our older residents

by:

- Planning home and community-based services that encourage independent living.
- Ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences.
- Increasing access to services that support aging in place.

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

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

in Missouri, and urge all citizens to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and join efforts to support older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE