Office of the Governor

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, declaring that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;" and

WHEREAS, the United States played a pivotal role in the creation of the Universal Declaration; and

WHEREAS, a recommitment by the United States to the principles of the Universal Declaration is essential for its promise to ensure equality and justice for all at home; and

WHEREAS, the basic human rights addressed in the Universal Declaration include economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration calls for all people and governments at all levels to promote and respect the rights that it recognizes, and provides a standard of achievement for governments throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, numerous community, civic, religious, non-profit organizations, including the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, and others work to ensure equal rights and protections for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Commission on Human Rights is hosting a free, virtual Missouri Human Rights Conference celebrating International Human Rights Day on Friday, December 10, 2021, with speakers from the public and private sector addressing human rights topics; and

WHEREAS, at the conference the Missouri Commission on Human Rights will present the Human Rights Champion Award to The Whole Person, an organization providing a broad range of services to people with disabilities; the Lucile Bluford Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Eric Krekel and Mr. Alvin Brooks; and

WHEREAS, December 10, 2021, is the 73rd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2021, to be

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in Missouri, and encourage all citizens to work together in the coming year on ways to achieve greater progress in respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the full range of human rights contained in the Universal Declaration.

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 November, 2021.

Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE