

State of Missouri Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri enjoys an abundance of natural and cultural resources, like few other states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to protecting our air, land, water and mineral resources; preserving our unique natural and historic places; and providing recreational and learning opportunities, while promoting the environmentally sound operations of businesses, communities, agriculture and industry for the benefit of all Missourians; and

WHEREAS, all Missourians want clean air, clean water, and clean land and thus, share a common goal of protecting and conserving our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day inspires people of all ages and experiences to spend time outdoors, appreciate our natural resources and pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math fields; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 2024 marks the department's 30th observance of Earth Day and the 54th observance nationwide; and

WHEREAS, 5th grade students from throughout Missouri were invited to participate in special Earth Day activities and contests; and

WHEREAS, Ella Garr, a student at Académie Lafayette, wrote this year's winning slogan, "Protect the Earth, for what it's worth."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2024, to be

EARTH DAY

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 22nd day of March, 2024.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: