



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women; and

**WHEREAS**, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

**WHEREAS**, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

**WHEREAS**, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular, and colon cancer.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 2019, to be

**MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

in Missouri, and encourage the citizens of Missouri to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael L. Parson".

*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jay Ashcroft".

SECRETARY OF STATE