



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of the efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October to be "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "America's Workforce: Empowering All".

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2018 to be

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

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 28th day of September, 2018.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE