



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 16th annual Earth Science Week, which is designated by the American Geosciences Institute to help the public gain a better understanding of and appreciation for the earth sciences; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2013, "Mapping Our World," will promote awareness about how geoscientists, geographers and other mapping professionals use maps to represent land formations, natural resource deposits, bodies of water, fault lines, volcanic activity, weather patterns, travel routes, parks, businesses, population distribution, our shared geologic heritage, and more; and

WHEREAS, geology and other earth sciences contribute to the discovery and protection of groundwater and surface water supplies; and

WHEREAS, it is important to discover, develop and conserve the energy, mineral and water resources needed for the environment's continued prosperity; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of earth science is essential to the design and construction of safe highways, bridges and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes and sinkholes; and

WHEREAS, geological factors are vital to land management and land use decisions at local, state, regional, national and international levels; and

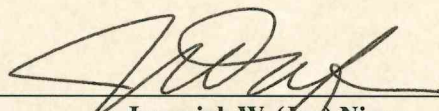
WHEREAS, the earth sciences make vital contributions to our understanding of and respect for nature.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 13 – 19, 2013, to be

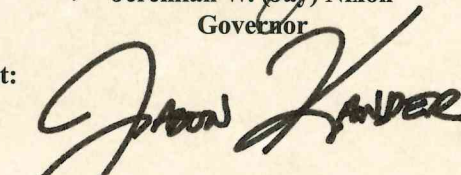
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK IN MISSOURI

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 10th day of September, 2013.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State