



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 21st annual Earth Science Week, designated by the American Geosciences Institute to help the public better understand and appreciate the earth sciences; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2018, "Earth as Inspiration," emphasizes artistic expression as a unique, powerful opportunity for geoscience education and understanding in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Earth Science Week activities will engage young people and others in exploring the relationship between the arts and the Earth systems by promoting public understanding and stewardship of the planet, especially in terms of the ways art relates to geoscience principles and issues as diverse as energy, climate change, the environment, natural disasters, technology, industry, agriculture, recreation, and the economy; and

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

WHEREAS, it is important to promote awareness about how geoscientists, geographers, and other mapping professionals employ satellite-based remote sensing and geologic maps to represent land formations, natural resource deposits, bodies of water, fault lines, weather patterns, travel routes, parks, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to discover, develop and conserve the water, mineral and energy resources needed for the nation's continued prosperity; 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 and hydrological factors are vital to land management and land use decisions at local, state, regional, national and international levels; and

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

WHEREAS, an understanding of the earth sciences helps us manage our greatest challenges and encourages all Missourians to grow in our respect for nature.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2018, 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 3rd day of October, 2018.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE