



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 24th 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 2021, "Water Today and for the Future," focuses on the importance of learning how to understand, conserve, and protect water, perhaps Earth's most vital resource; and

WHEREAS, Earth Science Week activities will encourage individuals of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities to engage with the geosciences, whether as a geoscience professional, a hobbyist, or through civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Earth Science Week 2021 learning resources and activities will engage young people and others in exploring the importance of water – and water science – for living things, Earth systems, and the many activities that people undertake. Individuals of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities will be engaged in building understanding of water's role in timely topics including energy, climate change, the environment, natural hazards, technology, industry, agriculture, recreation, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme will promote public understanding of geoscience and stewardship of the planet, especially in terms water and water science; and

WHEREAS, water is one of Missouri's most abundant and precious resources; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's thousands of miles of rivers, streams, and lakes, along with underground aquifers, supply our state's six million residents with water to drink and provide a crucial role in supporting outdoor recreation, industry, and meeting our agricultural needs; and

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

WHEREAS, an understanding of the earth sciences helps us manage our greatest challenges and make vital contributions to our understanding of and respect for nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 10-16, 2021, 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 20th day of September, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE