



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, our nation marks the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, which aimed to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in the nation's water to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters"; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Legislature acknowledged the importance of water protection by enacting the Missouri Clean Water Law in 1972 to establish the authority for the Missouri Clean Water Commission to implement the Clean Water Act in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, this landmark environmental legislation has been central to the important strides we have made in the State of Missouri in improving the quality and health of our rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, Missourians depend on clean water not just for their survival, but for their personal and community health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's abundant lakes, rivers, and streams provide its citizens and visitors with numerous recreational and commercial opportunities that greatly enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, clean water plays a vital role in Missouri's economic prosperity by providing a sustainable recreational fishing and boating industry, supporting agriculture and industry, and yielding a robust tourism sector; and

WHEREAS, in the past fifty years, the overall health of our state lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands has also dramatically improved; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has cooperated with states, tribes, local communities, businesses, and concerned individuals to significantly reduce all forms of water pollution, making our waters more hospitable to aquatic life and better suited for recreation and other pursuits.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2022, to be

CLEAN WATER MONTH

in Missouri, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act. I call upon all citizens to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to join me in encouraging all Missourians to work together to appreciate and protect clean water as a vital resource for this, our great State of 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 26th day of September, 2022.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE