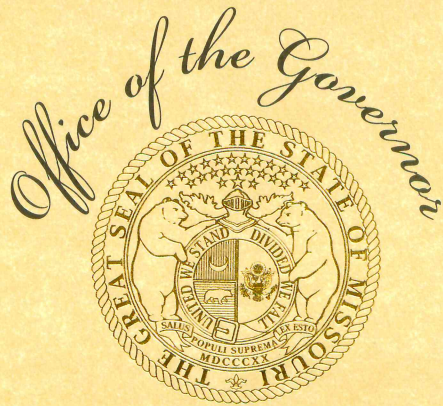




*State of Missouri*

## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the future is dependent on the good health of our families; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of all Missourians are of utmost importance to the prosperity and livelihood of our state's families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, good health can be achieved in part through good dental habits learned early and reinforced throughout life; and

**WHEREAS**, the dental health of our children is of utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, dental decay is the most common chronic disease in children; and

**WHEREAS**, good oral health habits start in childhood; and

**WHEREAS**, a public educated about oral health is more empowered to embrace healthy oral hygiene and dietary behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Missouri Coalition for Oral Health is to improve oral health for all Missourians through sound public policy and public awareness.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 2019 to be

### **CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

in Missouri, and encourage all residents to join in this observance and support those who are participating in community efforts to improve dental health care for children.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE