

*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Christmas tree is a classic symbol of the holiday season, and its sentimental importance is held dear in the hearts of many Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri is proud to be home to Christmas tree farms that support this American tradition by providing families with the opportunity to harvest and personally select a family tree; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 350 million real Christmas trees currently growing on Christmas tree farms in the U.S. alone; and

**WHEREAS**, real Christmas trees are a long-standing tradition for Missouri families to celebrate the holiday season with a fresh, farm-grown Christmas tree; and

**WHEREAS**, Christmas tree enthusiasts believe the aroma of a real Christmas tree is a strong reminder and symbol of life, family traditions, and the innocence of childhood itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Christmas Tree Association strives to provide high quality Christmas trees to consumers and promote the benefits of the Christmas tree industry to our state's economy and environment.

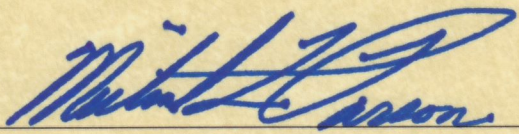
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim December 2022, to be

**CHRISTMAS TREE MONTH**

in Missouri.

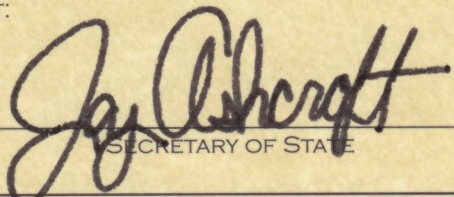
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.



  
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*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE