



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in meaningful leadership roles and present a “parent voice” to help shape the direction of their families, programs, and communities; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and assists public systems and private organizations, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to effectively implement Parent Leadership strategies; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is successfully achieved when parents receive support and training, and share responsibility, expertise, and leadership in the planning, implementation, oversight, and evaluation of policies, practices, and programs that affect families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more parents each year are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policymakers, and key stakeholders to shape policy and practice and build stronger, safer communities for children; and

WHEREAS, the power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made, and will continue to make, an impact on the lives of families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri actively supports meaningful parent leadership roles to help shape programs, practices, policies, and legislation that impact families everywhere.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February, 2021 to be

NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP 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 7th day of January, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE