



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is blessed with abundant and diverse natural and cultural resources, like few other states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has dedicated itself to protecting our air, land and water; preserving our unique natural and historic places; and providing recreational and learning opportunities for everyone; and

WHEREAS, all Missourians must share a common goal of protecting and conserving our natural resources because our quality of life hinges on them; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day inspires youth to spend time outdoors, appreciate our natural resources, and pursue careers in earth science and related fields; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect and focus on what we can do as individuals, communities, businesses and agencies to care for our natural resources;

WHEREAS, Earth Day 2016 marks the Department of Natural Resources' 22nd observance of Earth Day and the 46th observance, worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Missouri Earth Day celebration theme is "100 Years of Missouri State Parks," and the slogan "Missouri State Parks: Create Your Own Adventure" was written by Landrey VanOverschelde, a fifth-grade student from St. Peter Elementary School in Jefferson City.

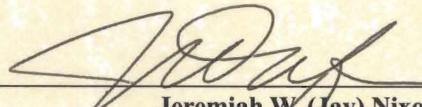
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016, to be

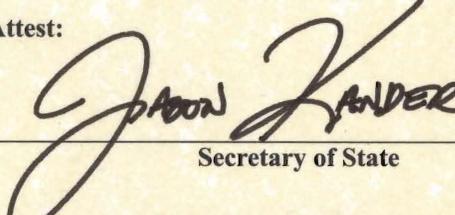
EARTH DAY 2016

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 5th day of April, 2016.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State