



*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 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE