



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in 1956, state employees contributed fifty cents each in an effort to start a retirement program and Morss, Seal, and Tebbetts, a St. Louis actuarial firm, helped draft legislation to create a retirement plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri legislature established MOSERS, effective September 1, 1957, which began with 17,513 members and an initial investment of \$100,000 in a 90-day U.S. Treasury Bill on behalf of plan participants; and

**WHEREAS**, MOSERS exists to enhance the financial security of its members; and

**WHEREAS**, MOSERS provides defined benefit pension, deferred compensation, life insurance, and long-term disability benefits to most state employees; and

**WHEREAS**, with current assets of more than \$8.4 billion, MOSERS administers benefits for 142,163 members (active, retired, beneficiaries, and inactive-vested and non-vested members as of June 30, 2022); and

**WHEREAS**, MOSERS benefits help the state to recruit and retain high quality employees who provide critical services to Missourians; and

**WHEREAS**, pension benefits have a significant, reliable, and positive economic impact on the state and local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, MOSERS and the Office of Administration want employees to have a thorough understanding of their benefits so they know the value of their benefits and can make well-informed decisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 2023, to be

**MOSERS MONTH**

in Missouri, and encourage all state employees to use this opportunity to learn more about their employee benefits.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE