

STATE OF MISSOURI Proclamation BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1928, 33 young men met at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, began the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization; and now, 96 years later, there are 9,235 FFA chapters and 1,027,273 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, of these chapters, there are 365 within Missouri, bringing membership to more than 27,044 members, which is the eleventh highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the FFA organization provides students with the chance to develop leadership skills, take on responsibilities, and motivate fellow students to become active in their communities and their schools; and

WHEREAS, FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet the challenges of feeding a growing population by helping its members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways through their experiences in agricultural education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 15-22, 2025, to be

FFA WEEK

in Missouri and encourage all citizens to support their local FFA chapter.

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 10th day of February 2025.



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Mike Kehoe Governor