



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, National Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in collaboration with the Missouri Hospital Association, is recognized as an Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) state in an effort to decrease maternal and infant mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Board reviews all maternal deaths that occur while a woman is pregnant, or within one year of the end of her pregnancy, to identify factors that contribute to, or directly cause the death, and to prevent future occurrences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Title V Maternal Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant Program is responsible for promoting the health of all women of childbearing age, pregnant women, and mothers in Missouri through the provision of preventive and primary care services and partnership with multidisciplinary stakeholders across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Community Health and Wellness implements multiple programs to improve women's health across the lifespan, including programs supporting adolescent health, substance use prevention and treatment, tobacco cessation, and the MCH Services Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women's Health Services Program covers family planning-related services, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, including pap tests and pelvic exams and follow-up services for uninsured eligible women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office on Women's Health promotes initiatives to improve women's health and safety, including championing tobacco cessation for pregnant women and their families, promoting strategies to improve perinatal health, and supporting access to doulas; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple programs work to implement strategies to improve women's health across the lifespan, including, congenital syphilis prevention and testing services, nutrition support, offering free breast and cervical cancer screening in the Show Me Healthy Women Program, heart disease and stroke prevention health screenings, and educational information in the Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2025, to be

**WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK**

in Missouri and encourage all citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues.

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 May 2025.



  
Mike Kehoe  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Denny Hoskins  
SECRETARY OF STATE