



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776; and

**WHEREAS**, the Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire; and

**WHEREAS**, the bravery and sacrifice of United States Armed Forces service members has carried forward the principles established by our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence, and has provided us continued freedom and peace, and we recognize the service of all our veterans, active duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, we commemorate the signing of our Nation's Declaration, reflect on the significance and true cost of peace, and honor and thank the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1776 to the present day, July 4<sup>th</sup> has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades concerts, and family gatherings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2025, to be

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025.



*Michael Kehoe*  
Mike Kehoe  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Denny Hoskins*  
SECRETARY OF STATE