



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors, individuals, and organizations to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and

**WHEREAS**, Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the fourth Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, we recognize the 600,000 military families who move to new communities each year; and

**WHEREAS**, only 39% of military family respondents to the 2024 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

**WHEREAS**, a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to ensuring that military and veteran families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage community members nationwide to do their part and welcome military and veteran families into their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby proclaim September 27 – October 5, 2025, to be

**BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK**

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 September 2025.



*Michael Kehoe*  
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Denny Hoskins*  
SECRETARY OF STATE