



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, rice is a nutritious, versatile commodity and a staple food for much of the world's population; and

WHEREAS, rice is grown in the bootheel of Missouri, including Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott, Stoddard, Butler, Ripley, Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, and Mississippi counties; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is a leader in U.S. rice production, ranking fourth in overall production and harvesting approximately 200,000 acres annually; and

WHEREAS, Missouri rice is sold both domestically and internationally, with roughly half of the state's crop exported each year to markets around the world; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, the Missouri Rice Research and Merchandising Council has promoted Missouri rice through superior farming practices, extensive research, and ongoing farm conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Rice Month is an opportunity for all Missourians to recognize the contributions of Missouri's rice producers to our state's economy and agricultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 2026 to be

RICE MONTH

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 1st day of September 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE