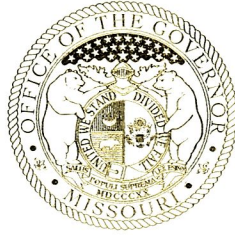


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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI:

Throughout our administration, we have laid out bold and historic proposals. We never backed down when faced with adversity and have always capitalized on opportunity to the benefit of Missourians. Because of it, together we have secured generational achievements that will continue serving Missourians now and into the future. Last year, I declared that I was not done yet. We are not done yet. While that still rings true, I'm happy to report that we are getting close.

Working with all of you and having the First Lady, my family, and my team by my side, we will continue to do to our last day what we have done from the start: put people first. Since the very beginning, our administration has done that by focusing on two priorities: infrastructure and workforce development. As we lay out our priorities for my final year in office as the 57th Governor, we know there is no turnin' back. No matter how much time we have left, our focus is the same, and we will be relentless in our approach.

Our priorities work. They have helped Missouri soar to new heights that were unimaginable just five and a half years ago. We have secured a legacy of wins that we should all be proud of. Wins like adding more than 110,000 new Missouri jobs, nearly \$15 billion in new business investments, cutting state regulations by 20 percent, reducing public debt by 50 percent, leaving \$1.5 billion on the bottom line of the state budget, passing the largest income tax cut in state history, reducing tax burdens by 20 percent, winning the fight for life, and reshaping Missouri's judiciary for generations to come. These are just a sample of the impacts we have had over the last five and a half years, but the point remains that our administration has done the Republican thing. We have done the conservative thing. But more importantly, we have done the right thing – time and time again.

This year's budget continues our historic progress. It continues the rebuilding and repairing of roads and bridges. It continues support for K-12, higher education, and workforce training programs. It continues efforts to build stronger communities. Above all, our budget this year continues to put the people of Missouri first.

A budget is about priorities, and we are confident that these priorities support Missouri's solid foundation and will leave our state standing strong and proud in the years to come. We look forward to working together in 2024 to achieve even more for the people of Missouri. When it comes to building a brighter future for Missourians, there is no better recipe than putting people first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L. Parson  
Governor