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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI:

Over the past year, our administration has worked hard to make a positive difference for the people of Missouri. From workforce development and infrastructure to better government, we've had several wins worth celebrating and have shown what major progress we can make by working together. Our investments are paying off, and we will continue to build on that momentum this year.

This year's budget makes key investments aimed at building stronger communities, improving education and workforce development, revitalizing our infrastructure, and making government more accountable. These investments will provide individuals with more opportunities, strengthen public safety, and improve the health and well-being of Missourians.

Ranging from early education to post-secondary opportunities, our investments in education and workforce development will help provide more Missourians with the knowledge and skills to succeed, and our infrastructure investments will continue to revitalize Missouri's vast transportation system. The budget also reflects our continued commitment to making state government more efficient and accountable by investing in our workforce, incentivizing better performance, and changing how we work to better serve Missourians.

As Missouri's financial health has always been of utmost importance to our administration, we have budgeted for all of these investments while once again leaving over \$100 million on the bottom line.

A budget is about priorities, and our administration is confident these are the right priorities to continue moving Missouri forward. We look forward to working together again in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L. Parson
Governor