



Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI:

Despite the challenges of the past year, my administration never wavered in our commitment to making Missouri the best state to live and work. The COVID-19 pandemic has created hardships for many Missourians, but it has also affirmed our need to continue supporting workforce development, strengthening communities, and improving government.

Our budget makes key investments to continue strengthening our infrastructure, improving education and workforce development, supporting public safety, and making government more efficient. While we saw big wins on each of those fronts in the past few years, we will continue our efforts and build on that momentum this year. Our investments will provide individuals with more opportunities, support our working families, and improve the lives of Missourians.

This budget reflects our support for all Missourians, from health care workers to law enforcement officers and from farmers to schools teachers. No one is left out. 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 improving Missouri's roads and bridges. Combined, these initiatives will keep Missouri at the top of the list for business investment and continue to provide new opportunities for Missourians.

From the beginning of my administration we have been committed to improving state government by increasing efficiency and accountability. We will better serve Missourians by incentivizing performance, recruiting and developing talented public servants, and improving our technological capabilities and capacity.

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 2021.

Sincerely,

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

Michael L. Parson
Governor