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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI:

During the first months of my term as Governor, my administration has worked to provide stability and instill confidence for all Missourians that their government will continue to work for them. We also firmly believe the people of Missouri are eager to have leadership that will propose bold ideas and is willing to tackle tough issues that have been put off too long. This year's budget focuses on making significant investments in workforce development and infrastructure, reforming and restructuring government responsibilities, and saving for the future.

These investments will ensure tens of thousands more Missourians have the opportunity to gather necessary skills to enter the workforce and fill high demand roles. Additionally, our infrastructure investments will represent hundreds of projects across the entire state and benefit generations to come. The budget also includes several substantive changes to drive greater efficiency and accountability out of state government both now and into the future. Further, one of our most important duties as elected officials is wise stewardship of Missourians' tax dollars, which is why we have left over one hundred million dollars on the bottom line, demonstrating our fiscally conservative approach.

A budget is about priorities, and my administration is confident these are the right priorities to ensure we best serve the people of Missouri. I look forward to working with you on our shared commitments.

Sincerely,

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

Michael L. Parson
Governor