



Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI:

These past 22 months have been challenging for many Missourians, but thanks to common sense, a balanced approach, and taking personal responsibility, our economy has recovered.

This year, with the state's strong economic performance and secure financial position, we have the opportunity to make fundamental improvements to our state that will serve Missourians now and into the future. Missouri is strong today but can be even stronger tomorrow.

Our budget outlines proposals to continue improving our infrastructure, including historic investments in roads and bridges, clean water, and broadband. We are expanding our successful workforce development programs, investing in K-12 and higher education, and supporting public safety.

Keeping with past principles, no one is left out or left behind in this budget. Whether they are urban, suburban, or rural, live in the bootheel or the Northwest, work in an office building or on the farm, every Missourian will benefit from these investments.

Our investments in education and workforce development will help provide more Missourians with the knowledge and skills to succeed, and our infrastructure investments will help drive economic growth. Combined, these initiatives will keep Missouri at the top of the list for business investment and continue to provide new opportunities for all Missourians.

Together, we have achieved great success in the past, and by continuing that momentum into the future, we can accomplish even more.

A budget is about priorities, and our administration is confident these are the right priorities to make a strong Missouri even stronger in 2022. We look forward to working together to get this done.

Sincerely,

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

Michael L. Parson
Governor