**Sample Proclamation**

**Whereas** the week of April 1–7, 2019, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is *Missouri’s Call to Action: Public Health Matters*;

**Whereas** since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health;

**Whereas** the home and neighborhood can impact an individual’s health and opportunities to engage in healthy behaviors;

**Whereas** public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including emerging diseases, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity;

**Whereas** public health action, together with scientific and technologic advances, have played a major role in reducing and in some cases eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease surveillance and control systems;

**Whereas** health must be a priority in designing our communities, from healthy housing to parks and playgrounds and walking and biking;

**Whereas** every level of public health providers are of great importance, and local public health agency and state department employees provides services every day to protect health and keep people safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, **Governor Michael L. Parson,** by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of **Missouri,** do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2019, as **National Public Health** **Week 2019** in **Missouri** and call upon the people of Missouri to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, **“Missouri’s Call to Action: Public Health Matters.”**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **[1st]** day of April, two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

Signature

[Insert city/state or other official seal]