



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri is pleased to recognize significant milestones and achievements of the people, communities and organizations of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, safety of farm and agriculture workers is of utmost importance to this State; and

**WHEREAS**, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres; and

**WHEREAS**, grain production, handling and transportation is a significant industry in the state of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, due to increased training and more public awareness, deaths from grain bin entrapments declined until 2014. That year saw 38 documented entrapments nationally, resulting in 17 deaths, including one Missourian; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, there were 61 documented cases, an increase of 13% over the 54 cases reported in 2017. Of these cases, there were 30 documented grain entrapment cases. 50% of the 30 victims entrapped in grain ended up being a fatality; and

**WHEREAS**, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, Nationwide and the State of Missouri hope to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage; and

**WHEREAS**, Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by Missouri industry leaders and agricultural professionals working together; and

**WHEREAS**, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, the State of Missouri hopes to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 16-22, 2020, to be

**GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK**

in Missouri, and encourage all residents to join in this observance and promote safety associated with grain handling and storage.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.