

Office of the Governor State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Missouri Community Action Network advocates for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), which is provided to low-income Missouri families by 18 subgrantees, 17 of which are local Community Action Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the household energy burden for low-income households is typically 14 percent of their total annual budget, as compared to 3 to 6 percent for higher income households; and

WHEREAS, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is able to help households pay for high energy expenses, the Weatherization Assistance Program permanently reduces a household's energy expenses by making homes more energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, the energy conservation resulting from weatherization helps reduce our country's dependence on fossil fuels and decrease the cost of energy for families in need; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program improves the health and safety of Missouri homes by testing gas appliances and systems for combustion safety, carbon monoxide, efficiency and gas leaks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the importance of those programs that ensure that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe and comfortable homes as provided for by the Weatherization Assistance Program.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2015, to be

WEATHERIZATION DAY

in Missouri, and urge all citizens to support the Weatherization Assistance Program and the agencies which provide these services.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Oreat Seal of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 29th day of September, 2015.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon

Attest.

Secretary of State