



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living in our state; and

WHEREAS, fires are a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is the kickoff state for the National Fire Facts Program, an interactive learning system designed to be used in schools to educate children of the importance of fire safety; and

WHEREAS, child fire deaths are a serious issue in Missouri, with an average of 16 children dying each year from fire; and

WHEREAS, every household should have working smoke detectors and a family escape plan; and

WHEREAS, with the help of public education programs, Missourians are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire.

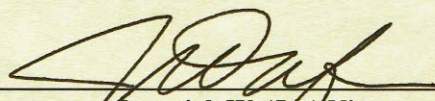
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim December 9, 2009, to be

FIRE FACTS DAY

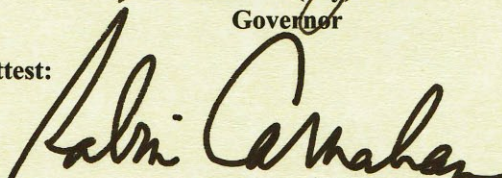
in Missouri and urge all citizens to protect their homes and families by heeding important safety measures and supporting the efforts of the Fire Facts Program and Missouri's fire and emergency service personnel.

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 7th day of December, 2009.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State