



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

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 agricultural workers is of utmost importance to the government of 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 in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, 24 documented grain entrapments resulted in 14 deaths nationally (58 percent fatality rate) in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by 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, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 19 – 25, 2017, to be

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK IN MISSOURI

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 15th day of February, 2017.



Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State