



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, cooperatives are businesses that are owned and democratically governed by their members and exist solely to serve their members' interests; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives provide for agriculture, consumers and our communities; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives in Missouri generate significant income, employment and revenue; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives dedicate substantial human and financial resources to serve their communities beyond their core business function, including charitable giving to meet community needs and investment in community development; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, cooperatives of all types and from all industries reaffirm their member-service missions and pledge their continued involvement in the communities in which their members live and work; and

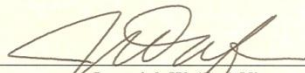
WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens to acknowledge the value of Missouri cooperatives, their important contributions to our state's economy and their role in improving the quality of life in our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be

COOPERATIVE MONTH 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 23rd day of September, 2010.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State