



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri's 97,300 farmers and agricultural producers play an integral role in feeding people across the state and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there have been 180 farming accidents from 2012 to 2017, making the safety and health of farm and other agricultural workers of the utmost importance; and

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

WHEREAS, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres, and suffocation from engulfment is a leading cause of death in grain bin accidents; and

WHEREAS, each death has devastating impacts on the victim's family, friends and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, many fire departments lack the specialized rescue equipment & technique education necessary for a safe and successful grain bin rescue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri encourages all employers who have grain bins to develop safety and health programs, contribute to this safety initiative, and help make the state of Missouri a safer and healthier place to work; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri government is committed to helping the agricultural community develop safety programs such as the Department of Labor's On-Site Consultation and Workplace Safety Programs, as well as the joint Department of Labor, Department of Agriculture and MU Agriculture Extension Show-Me Farm Safety program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 9-13, 2018 to be

STAND-UP FOR GRAIN ENGULFMENT PREVENTION 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 3rd day of April, 2018.



Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State