Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are fundamental to the health, safety and welfare of all Missourians and are crucial to understanding environmental and ecological issues; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing and conserving the energy, mineral and water resources needed for Missouri's continued prosperity; and

WHEREAS, earth science studies are fundamental in the discovery and protection of groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of earth science is essential to the design and construction of safe highways, bridges and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, droughts, and subsidence; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences make vital contributions to our understanding of and respect for nature:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB HOLDEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 12 – 18, 2003 to be

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in Missouri and urge all citizens to appreciate the importance of earth science.

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 1st day of October, 2003.

Bob Holden
Governor

Attest: Matt Blunt
Secretary of State