



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, a system of quality public education is essential to the future of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Missouri have a long tradition of support for public education and their local school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, local school boards are the ultimate expression of the unique American institution of representative governance of public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, local school boards, acting on behalf of and in close connection with the people of their communities, chart the direction of education in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, local school boards serve as the key community advocate for children, youths, and the public schools.

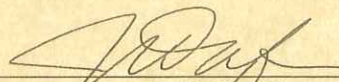
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim January 22 – 28, 2012, to be

### SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

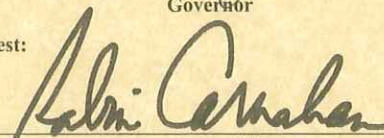
in Missouri, and urge all Missourians to recognize school boards as they strive with their communities to improve our public schools through quality leadership.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Robin Carnahan  
Secretary of State