

WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship is vital to **Missouri's** growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, According to the U S Department of Commerce, more than 2300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed, that make up more than 75% of the nation's 26 million plus business firms nationwide; and

WHEREAS, More than 70% of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults; and

WHEREAS, The National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and

WHEREAS, **Missouri's** Career and Technical Student Organizations offer an array of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives resolved to recognize an annual National Entrepreneurship Week that this year commences in February on February 20-27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, National Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Nixon, Governor of the State of Missouri, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM February 20th through the 27th, 2010 as Entrepreneurship Week **-Missouri**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of **Missouri** to be affixed this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.