



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and

WHEREAS, USTA Missouri proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis and make the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive grants; and

WHEREAS, the latest research by the Physical Activity Council (PAC) shows that more than 27.3 million Americans played tennis in 2025, an unprecedented 6.2% increase in participation over 2024 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in 2007; and

WHEREAS, by increasing the accessibility of tennis for Missourians of all ages and abilities, the USTA has contributed to making Missouri communities happier and healthier; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as National Tennis Month to encourage Missouri players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and more to promote local programs and activities at parks and other facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2026 to be

NATIONAL TENNIS 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 24th day of April 2026.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE