



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Turner syndrome (TS) is a non-inheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in 2,000 live female births; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier diagnosis will help these girls and women get a complete cardiac screening; and

**WHEREAS**, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than 100-fold in young and middle-aged women with TS; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis facilitates prevention of growth failure, hearing problems and learning difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with TS have an increased risk of non-verbal learning disorder (NLD); in school and work, these impairments can cause problems in math, visuospatial skills, executive function skills and job retention; and

**WHEREAS**, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner syndrome research and support; and

**WHEREAS**, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with TS can live a happy, healthy life; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of TS Awareness Month will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Turner syndrome.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 2016 to be

### TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jason Kander.

Secretary of State