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EXECUTIVE ORDER 14-01

SECRETARY OF STATE COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is a committed partner in the nation's defense; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense plays an integral role in the economy of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri retains significant military installations and numerous Department of Defense facilities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Department of Defense spending supports approximately 275,000 direct and indirect jobs in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Department of Defense personnel expenditures in Missouri - including retiree pensions - are estimated to exceed \$3.23 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense awards an average of \$11.7 billion in prime contracts to Missouri-based firms annually; and

WHEREAS, the total economic impact engendered by the Department of Defense in Missouri is calculated at \$39.76 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the missions performed by Missouri's active, reserve and National Guard military men and women are indispensable to ensuring the nation's defense; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is committed to advancing an environment hospitable for Department of Defense personnel - military, civilian and retired - to live, work and raise families successfully in the state; and

WHEREAS, through policies and programs designed to eliminate taxation on military pensions, identify private sector employment opportunities for veterans and ensure transferable school credits for dependents, among other activities, the State of Missouri continues to take action demonstrating deep respect and appreciation for the service and sacrifices of the nation's military men and women.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby create the Missouri Military Partnership to protect, retain and enhance Department of Defense activities in the State of Missouri.

State Treasurer Clint Zweifel is appointed to coordinate, guide and lead the Missouri Military Partnership.

All executive branch entities, including, but not limited to, the Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission, the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri National Guard, will coordinate their activities related to protection, retention and enhancement of Department of Defense activities within the State of Missouri with the Missouri Military Partnership.

In addition, the Missouri Military Partnership will align its efforts with political subdivisions, businesses and other stakeholders throughout the State of Missouri.

The Department of Economic Development shall provide administrative support to the Missouri Military Partnership.

The Missouri Military Partnership shall prepare a report to the Governor on the partnership's activities and strategies for effective collaboration between the State of Missouri, political subdivisions, businesses and other stakeholders to protect, retain and enhance Department of

Defense installations and the positive impacts that such installations have on the economy and quality of life in the State of Missouri. This report shall be delivered by March 31, 2014.



IN WITNESS 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, on this 10th day of January, 2014.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State