



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, President Abraham Lincoln established the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 150 years ago by signing the Department of Agriculture Act on May 15, 1862; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture, which President Lincoln referred to as "The People's Department," touches the lives of every American every day by supporting agriculture, driving economic growth, conserving natural resources, and building stronger communities, a stronger Missouri and a stronger nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture works in partnership with the Missouri departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Natural Resources, Economic Development and others to improve the lives of all Missourians and future generations of Missourians.

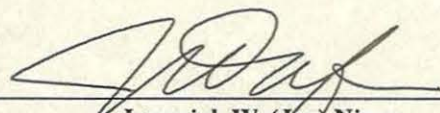
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby recognize May 15, 2012, as the

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE**

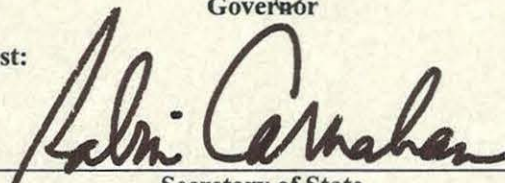
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Robin Carnahan  
Secretary of State