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Governor Matt Blunt  
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Dear Governor Blunt:

On behalf of Missouri Missing, please allow me this opportunity to request that you declare June 17<sup>th</sup> as the official day to recognize the missing and unidentified persons in Missouri. Officially, we ask your consideration in naming the day "Missouri's Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness Day."

Currently, there are at least 1,405 missing persons in Missouri. Add to that the number of unidentified remains of at least 48 persons and it is obvious this is a tragedy. Each of these missing or unidentified persons has a family, and friends, who are desperate for closure and answers.

In 2007, a group of interested Missouri citizens founded Missouri Missing, a not for profit organization dedicated to a multipurpose mission....support the families of those missing, educate the families of the missing on procedure and resources available to assist the families, educate the public about the plight of the missing and the families left behind, and to assist law enforcement by providing information.

On June 17, 2007, the children of Jasmine Haslag last spoke to their mother. She promised to pick them up the next day from their father's house in Bland. Jasmine was never heard from or seen by anyone in her family since that day. For months her case was listed as a missing person. In March, law enforcement officials changed her case to a homicide.

On April 20, 2008, an off-duty law enforcement officer located the remains of a female in Callaway County, just north of Jefferson City. It may be days, weeks or even years before an identity is given to her.

On October 25, 2003, Angie Yarnell's husband told law enforcement his wife had left him for another man. The Yarnell's lived in Morgan County, just southwest of Jefferson City. More than four years later, her husband, Mike Yarnell, was named as a person of interest in her disappearance. That case remains unsolved today.

These are only examples of the hard-hitting reality that many families are facing in our state. Weeks and months and years of living without answers about their loved ones. Cases are sitting in filing cabinets deemed old and cold and are no longer being worked. Add to that the number of missing who are never reported and it quickly becomes evident that we have a serious epidemic on our hands.

On behalf of Missouri Missing, we invite you to visit our website at [www.MissouriMissing.org](http://www.MissouriMissing.org) where you will find information about several missing person cases from Missouri. Currently, we have listed information for nearly 150 cases and are in the process of adding new cases daily.

The Board of Directors of Missouri Missing, in support of the quest of the Haslag family for answers and all the other families, and in an effort to educate the public about the large numbers of missing and unidentified persons in Missouri, recently voted to submit this request to your office.



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Please assist us in this cause, to bring awareness of the plight of these missing and unidentified persons, and their families, to the Missouri public. These families suffer daily, without answers, with just glimmers of hope, and without closure. Declaration of this special day in honor of these missing and unidentified persons will help draw attention to this serious problem.

Again, we respectfully submit our request in naming June 17 as Missouri's Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness day.

Respectfully,

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