

Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, "Exercise Tiger" was the code name for one of several secret military full-scale rehearsals for the Battle of Normandy, conducted along the southern coast of England and involving more than 30,000 U.S. Army and Navy personnel as well as British forces; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 1944, during this staging in the English Channel, eight landing ship tanks (LSTs) carrying U.S. troops were unexpectedly attacked by German Naval Forces; and

WHEREAS, the German attack resulted in the sinking of two American LSTs and the death of 749 soldiers, including 201 soldiers from the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, this top-secret naval operation to prepare United States Army and Naval forces for the June 6th, 1944, D-Day Invasion ended with one of the highest losses ever suffered in combat by the United States Army and Navy in World War II; and

WHEREAS, the courageous servicemen who participated in Exercise Tiger made great sacrifices and endured tremendous hardships to help achieve victory and preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy for this great country and the world.

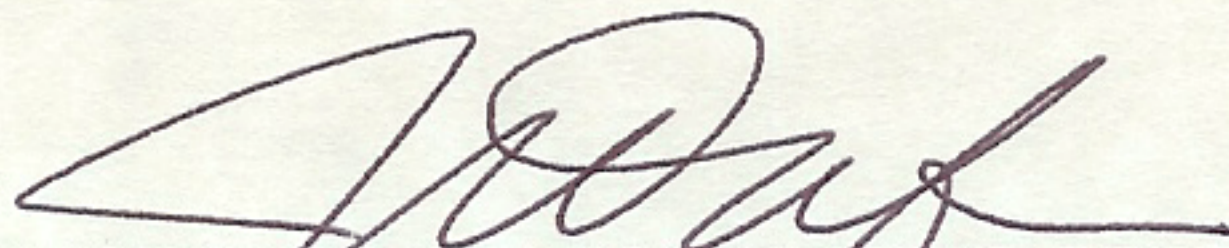
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2009, to be

EXERCISE TIGER DAY

in Missouri, to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the World War II Battle of Exercise Tiger, and to recognize and honor the soldiers and sailors of Exercise Tiger.

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 2nd day of April, 2009.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon