

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**19-01**

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Economic Development is created pursuant to Article IV, Section 12 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 620, RSMo, and is charged with promoting the economy of the State, the economic development of the State, trade and business, and other activities and programs impacting the economy of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is created pursuant to Article IV, Section 12 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 640, RSMo, and is charged with administering the programs of the State relating to environmental control and the conservation and management of natural resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Energy, located within the Department of Economic Development, is charged with coordinating actions relating to energy sustainability in the State, renewable energy use, and energy conservation pursuant to Section 640.157, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, energy sustainability, renewable energy use, and energy conservation are integrally related to the health of natural resources across the State; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Division of Energy from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Natural Resources will benefit the State of Missouri by enhancing the Department of Natural Resources' ability to balance a healthy environment with a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS, top-performing state economic development agencies focus primarily on business development and community development, as well as close coordination with workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Division of Energy from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Natural Resources will benefit the State of Missouri by enabling the Department of Economic Development to align itself more fully around the core economic development activities of business development and community development, closely coordinated with workforce development.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, 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 order the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Natural Resources to cooperate to:

1. Transfer all authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Natural Resources by Type I transfer, as defined under the Reorganization Act of 1974;
2. Develop the mechanisms and processes necessary to effectively transfer the Division of Energy to the Department of Natural Resources; and
3. Take the steps necessary to maintain compliance with federal requirements so as not to jeopardize federal financial participation with this transfer.

This order shall become effective no sooner than August 28, 2019, unless disapproved within sixty days of its submission to the First Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.



Michael L. Parson  
Governor

ATTEST:

John R. Ashcroft  
Secretary of State