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JAY NIXON
Governor

Jay Nixon is currently serving his second term as Missouri's 55th Governor after first being elected in 2008 and then re-elected in 2012.

As Governor, his priorities have included making government more efficient, effective and responsive; attracting the jobs of the future to the Show-Me State; making record investments in education; and placing a

college education within reach for all Missouri students. Toward that goal, Gov. Nixon at the beginning of 2013 announced a partnership between the State of Missouri and Western Governors University to create WGU-Missouri as a new, state-based online university offering high-quality degree programs.

A native of DeSoto, Missouri, Gov. Nixon was raised in a family of public servants. His mother was a teacher and served as president of the local school board. His father was elected Mayor of DeSoto and was a judge in the community. Growing up in a home with these strong examples, Gov. Nixon learned at a young age that faith and family come first – and giving back to the community comes next. That's the simple philosophy that has guided Gov. Nixon throughout his career in public service.

First elected to the Missouri State Senate in 1986 and re-elected in 1990, Jay Nixon was first elected as Missouri Attorney General in 1992. He went on to serve as the state's chief law enforcement officer for a record four terms. As Attorney General, he made a name for himself in standing up for Missourians to powerful tobacco and insurance companies, and in protecting consumers and the environment.

Gov. Nixon and the First Lady, Georganne Wheeler Nixon, have two adult sons, Jeremiah and Will.

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B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

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M.S. Nursing – Leadership and Management

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