



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri  
**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Taum Sauk is the highest point in the State of Missouri and is a crown jewel of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Francois Mountains are among the oldest mountains in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Longacre had done much for promoting and protecting Taum Sauk and the St. Francois Mountains by founding the national Highpointers Club from his home on Taum Sauk near Arcadia, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highpointers Club unites mountaineers who are attempting to climb and learn about the highest points of each state and has grown to include members in all fifty states and nine foreign countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Longacre picked up trash along the three mile road to the summit of Taum Sauk, greeted visitors to the summit of Taum Sauk and on the Ozark Mountain Trail, and hosted the 1999 Highpointers Convention on Taum Sauk; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Longacre offered to donate 30 acres of his property for a national highpointing museum; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Longacre lost his valiant battle against cancer on October 15, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Taum Sauk, the St. Francois Mountains, the State of Missouri, and the mountaineering community are better because of the efforts of Jack Longacre:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB HOLDEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2002, to be

**JACK LONGACRE DAY**

in Missouri.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.



*Bob Holden*

Governor

Attest:

*Matt Blunt*

Secretary of State