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SAM PAGE County Executive

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Governor Michael L. Parson P.O. Box 720 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Governor Parson,

We are in unprecedented times, and we are tapping into every available resource we have here in St. Louis County to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Saving lives is our top priority. Tragically, we know this deadly virus will continue to spread for weeks and take a larger toll than what we have experienced so far.

More resources are necessary to ensure that we can adequately handle the challenges coming our way including helping our residents meet their most basic needs.

I write to you today to formally request assistance from the Missouri National Guard. As we move into what is expected to be the surge of this virus, we need help transporting patients and equipment and additional security at our hospitals, county warehouse and our North County Recreation Center, which we have converted into a shelter for our homeless population to reduce their level of exposure. We also need med techs to augment our staff at triage and testing sites.

My staff will forward a more detailed request to your office and to Health and Human Services Director Dr. Randall Williams outlining the number of men and women we need to continue our work as effectively as possible. I appreciate your attention to this urgent request.

Thank you for all you have done in helping our residents across the state prepare and get treated for the virus. Your stay-at-home order will ensure fewer people are exposed and the spread of COVID-19 is slowed.

Sincerely,

Sam Page St. Louis County Executive