



Missouri Institute of Cooperatives

DATE: October 5, 2017
TO: **MIC Member**
FROM: Matt Staley, MIC Board President

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's Proclamation designating October as Cooperative Month in Missouri, which you are welcome to display in your cooperative. Cooperative Month is an opportunity to reflect on contributions of exemplary cooperative leaders who fostered the success of Missouri cooperatives. **Nominations are invited** for the 2018 Missouri Cooperative Hall of Fame Awards. The awards will be presented at the **MIC Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 12, 2018.**

MIC's goal is to recognize outstanding cooperative leaders from as many of our member cooperatives as feasible. **The first step begins with you.** Please take time to nominate leaders from your cooperative who have made **significant, lasting contributions** to Missouri cooperatives. **The selection committee must receive a nomination to consider deserving individuals for this award.**

Since 2003, more than 60 exemplary cooperative leaders have received recognition through the Hall of Fame. Information about each inductee's remarkable contributions and achievements can be found at www.mic.coop.

Selection criteria and nomination forms are enclosed. Please review the selection criteria carefully, identify individuals from your cooperative who have made significant contributions and submit nominations for the awards. There are four categories:

- 1.) Heritage Award,
- 2.) Member (includes directors),
- 3.) Employee or
- 4.) Friend of cooperatives (educator, legislator, media, community leaders, etc.).

To nominate an outstanding individual, please answer all questions on the form and provide letters in support of the nomination – this information is reviewed closely by the selection committee. The submission deadline for nominations is **January 12, 2018.** A fillable electronic copy of the nomination form is available at www.mic.coop.

If your nominee is selected, MIC will consult with you regarding preparation for the award presentation.

Please contact the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives office at 573-882-0140 or LivingstonK@missouri.edu if you have any questions.

**Nominations must be postmarked by January 12, 2018.
Late nominations will not be accepted.**