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## News Release

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### **Hermann to Host Stage Six Start of the Tour of Missouri**

**HERMANN** – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today joined with leaders of the city of Hermann to announce the community will host the sixth leg of the Tour of Missouri Pro Cycling Race. Kinder congratulated citizens and town officials at a news conference held at Stone Hill Winery.

“We are pleased to have the city of Hermann as a host city for the 2008 Tour of Missouri,” said Lt. Governor Kinder. “This year’s Tour of Missouri will showcase the beauty of our great state, from the rolling hills of the Ozarks to the skylines of our thriving business districts. Hermann will play an important role in this year’s Tour.”

The Tour of Missouri is a seven day, 12 city professional bike race across Missouri. 120 of the world’s top cyclists will compete in this intense challenge.

“We are excited to add four new host cities to this year’s Tour of Missouri,” said Lt. Governor Peter Kinder. “This year’s race will bring a number of spectators from around the country and around the world to Missouri’s Rhine Village. The rich heritage and beauty of Hermann will play center stage in this, the biggest tourism event across Missouri.”

Stage Six will begin in Hermann on Saturday, September 13.

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“We are very excited to bring the Tour of Missouri back to Hermann,” said Blaine Luetkemeyer, Director of the Missouri Division of Tourism. “This year’s race will bring tourists from across the country to the business district of Hermann.”

In 2007, the inaugural Tour of Missouri brought in \$26.2 million in tourism dollars throughout the state. An estimated 367,566 saw the Tour of Missouri at some time during the six stages, with more visitors expected this year.

The Tour of Missouri will be held September 8-14, and will feature stops in St. Joseph, Kansas City, Clinton, Springfield, Branson, Lebanon, Rolla, St. James, Jefferson City, Hermann, St. Charles and St. Louis.

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