

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 17

## 92<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, in March 2001, the economies of the United States and the State of  
2 Missouri went into recession, with any projected economic recovery delayed indefinitely; and  
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4 **Whereas**, in 2003, while thirty states in the United States are near recession,  
5 Missouri is one of approximately a dozen states that are still in recession; and  
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7 **Whereas**, in fiscal year 2002 thirty-seven states were forced to reduce their  
8 enacted budgets by a total of approximately \$12.6 billion; and  
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10 **Whereas**, in fiscal year 2002, forty-one states collected less revenue than they had  
11 planned for their state budgets, with sales tax collections 3.2% lower than originally budgeted,  
12 personal income taxes off by 12.8%, and corporate income taxes 21.5% lower than originally  
13 estimated; and  
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15 **Whereas**, while for fiscal year 2003 states expect a 4.9% increase in sales tax  
16 revenues, a 3.1% increase in personal income tax collections, and a 25.2% increase in corporate  
17 income tax collection based on revenue projections used in their fiscal year 2003 enacted state  
18 budgets, such increases are speculative at best since the actual revenue collected for fiscal year  
19 2002 fell far short of the revenue projections used in their fiscal year 2002 enacted state budgets;  
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22 **Whereas**, in a recent report, the National Governors' Association declared that  
23 states are facing "the most dire fiscal situation since World War II", and the Center on Budget

24 and Policy Priorities says that the state budget deficits "constitute the largest state budget gaps  
25 in half a century"; and  
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27 **Whereas**, since the last comprehensive reorganization of state government 30 years  
28 ago, many programs and entities have been added to state government resulting in the duplication  
29 and redundancy of many state services ; and  
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31 **Whereas**, Governor Holden's commitment to create the Missouri Commission on  
32 Efficiency and Fiscal Management in State Government Finances to undertake a complete,  
33 comprehensive, and thorough examination of all aspects of the state's cash management  
34 practices, debt management practices, budgetary processes, personnel practices, and other areas  
35 relevant to sound business and financial management is a step in the right direction; and  
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37 **Whereas**, with the supremacy of the people and the fact that government exists for  
38 the sole purpose of serving the people preserved throughout all the documents and papers used  
39 in the formation of our national and state governments, it is a fundamental responsibility of  
40 government to provide services and assistance to its citizenry with a commitment to customer  
41 service and satisfaction; and  
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43 **Whereas**, while Governor Holden's Managing for Results Initiative (MRI) assists  
44 state agencies in focusing on customer satisfaction, process improvement, and problem solving,  
45 and strives to hold state government accountable for key results by identifying historic trends,  
46 monitoring recent progress, and comparing Missouri to the nation as a whole, when possible, the  
47 Managing for Results Initiative and promised Missouri Commission on Efficiency and Fiscal  
48 Management in State Government Finances do not go far enough to truly achieve change for the  
49 State of Missouri; and  
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51 **Whereas**, to achieve the magnitude of change necessary to alleviate the strains on  
52 Missouri's state budget and more efficiently provide essential services and assistance to the  
53 citizens of Missouri, the State of Missouri should utilize professionals such as management  
54 consultants or efficiency experts whose sole function and expertise is identifying problem areas,

55 developing strategies for improvement, and implementing procedures and policies to effectuate  
56 real change; and  
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58 **Whereas**, in the private sector, periodic evaluations of all aspects of an  
59 organization's operations are an important and useful tool utilized by successful corporations and  
60 companies, and should be emulated by state governments:  
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62 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
63 Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
64 concurring therein, hereby encourage the Governor of the State of Missouri to utilize the services  
65 of management consultants and efficiency experts to review all existing government operations  
66 and make recommendations on ways to minimize redundancy in programs and services, and  
67 increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of all government operations; and  
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69 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
70 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor  
71 Bob Holden.