

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6

92ND 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**, while thirty states in the United States are currently 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 2003, most states collected less revenue than they had
8 planned for their state budgets, with sales tax collections lower than originally budgeted, and
9 personal income taxes and corporate income taxes lower than originally estimated; and
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11 **Whereas**, while for fiscal year 2004 states expect a marginal increase in sales tax
12 revenues, personal income tax collections, and corporate income tax collections based on
13 revenue projections used in their fiscal year 2004 enacted state budgets, such increases are
14 speculative at best since the actual revenue collected for fiscal year 2003 fell far short of the
15 revenue projections used in their fiscal year 2003 enacted state budgets; and
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17 **Whereas**, in a recent report, the National Governors' Association declared that
18 states are facing "the most dire fiscal situation since World War II", and the Center on Budget
19 and Policy Priorities says that the state budget deficits "constitute the largest state budget gaps
20 in half a century"; and
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22 **Whereas**, since the last comprehensive reorganization of state government 30 years
23 ago, many programs and entities have been added to state government resulting in the duplication
24 and redundancy of many state services ; and

25 **Whereas**, Governor Holden's commitment to create the Missouri Commission on
26 Efficiency and Fiscal Management in State Government Finances to undertake a complete,
27 comprehensive, and thorough examination of all aspects of the state's cash management
28 practices, debt management practices, budgetary processes, personnel practices, and other areas
29 relevant to sound business and financial management is a step in the right direction; and
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31 **Whereas**, with the supremacy of the people and the fact that government exists for
32 the sole purpose of serving the people preserved throughout all the documents and papers used
33 in the formation of our national and state governments, it is a fundamental responsibility of
34 government to provide services and assistance to its citizenry with a commitment to customer
35 service and satisfaction; and
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37 **Whereas**, while Governor Holden's Managing for Results Initiative (MRI) assists
38 state agencies in focusing on customer satisfaction, process improvement, and problem solving,
39 and strives to hold state government accountable for key results by identifying historic trends,
40 monitoring recent progress, and comparing Missouri to the nation as a whole, when possible, the
41 Managing for Results Initiative and promised Missouri Commission on Efficiency and Fiscal
42 Management in State Government Finances do not go far enough to truly achieve change for the
43 State of Missouri; and
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45 **Whereas**, to achieve the magnitude of change necessary to alleviate the strains on
46 Missouri's state budget and more efficiently provide essential services and assistance to the
47 citizens of Missouri, the State of Missouri should utilize professionals such as management
48 consultants or efficiency experts whose sole function and expertise is identifying problem areas,
49 developing strategies for improvement, and implementing procedures and policies to effectuate
50 real change; and
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52 **Whereas**, in the private sector, periodic evaluations of all aspects of an
53 organization's operations are an important and useful tool utilized by successful corporations and
54 companies, and should be emulated by state governments:
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56 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
57 Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
58 concurring therein, hereby encourage the Governor of the State of Missouri to utilize the services
59 of management consultants and efficiency experts to review all existing government operations
60 and make recommendations on ways to minimize redundancy in programs and services, and
61 increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of all government operations; and
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63 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
64 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor
65 Bob Holden.