

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 40

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

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### AN ACT

Relating to the designation of October fifteenth as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

**Whereas**, according to a 1996 study by the Centers for Disease Control, 16% of  
2 six million-plus pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, or almost a million  
3 perinatal losses. Of those six million-plus pregnancies, 62% (3,720,000) ended in live births,  
4 and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths from eleven months and younger. This does  
5 not reflect the 22% who are lost to abortion; and  
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7 **Whereas**, the availability of information and support is of the utmost importance  
8 to families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope; and  
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10 **Whereas**, a public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss  
11 can better learn how to respond with compassion to affect families; and  
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13 **Whereas**, professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered  
14 pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral  
15 directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can better serve families if they  
16 have special training and better knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and  
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18           **Whereas**, a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October fifteenth is  
19 set aside to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost in order to heal and be comforted  
20 in a time of pain and heartache, and to have hope for the future:  
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22           **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
23 Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
24 concurring therein, hereby proclaim October fifteenth of each year as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss  
25 Remembrance Day"; and  
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27           **Be it further resolved** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
28 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.