

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 20

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1421L.011

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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 six million-plus pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, or almost a million perinatal losses. Of those six million-plus pregnancies, 62% (3,720,000) ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths from eleven months and younger. This does not reflect the 22% who are lost to abortion; and

**Whereas**, the availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope; and

**Whereas**, a public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affect families; and

**Whereas**, professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can better serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

**Whereas**, a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October fifteenth is set aside to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost in order to heal and be comforted in a time of pain

20 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-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring  
24 therein, hereby proclaim October fifteenth of each year as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance  
25 Day"; and

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27           **Be it further resolved** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval  
28 or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.