

House Concurrent Resolution No. 47

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Missouri citizens by
2 serving as companions, therapy dogs, and assistance dogs; and

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4 **Whereas**, it is recognized that dog related problems are most often caused by
5 irresponsible owners; and

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7 **Whereas**, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Missouri and responsible
8 owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

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10 **Whereas**, Canine Good Citizen programs identify and officially recognize those
11 dogs who behave as members in good standing with the community; and

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13 **Whereas**, the Canine Good Citizen Program which was developed by the
14 American Kennel Club teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in
15 the presence of other people and animals, in both the home and the community; and

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17 **Whereas**, children and adults of all ages participate in Canine Good Citizen classes
18 to learn the skills involved in responsible dog ownership; and

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20 **Whereas**, with dog bites and animal concerns on the rise, there is a real need for
21 dogs to remain well-behaved community members:

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23 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
24 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
25 concurring therein, hereby encourage dog training programs and kennel clubs to provide training
26 and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being "Canine Good Citizens".