

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LOEHNER (Sponsor), MUNZLINGER, BRUNS, FISHER (125),
GUERNSEY, SCHARNHORST, SCHLOTTACH, RUZICKA, SATER, WALLACE, SCHAD,
WILSON (119) AND KUESSNER (Co-sponsors).

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2 **Whereas**, the rivers and streams of the State of Missouri are a great natural
3 resource and benefit to the citizens of Missouri and the aquatic life therein; and

4 **Whereas**, these rivers and streams run through the heartland and fertile bottom
5 lands that produce our abundant food supply; and
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7 **Whereas**, the farmers and landowners who have lived and farmed on these stream
8 banks for generations have the right to protect and preserve their precious soil; and
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10 **Whereas**, these streams need to be managed in a manner that is beneficial to the
11 stream's aquatic life as well as the farmer's interest in protecting private property; and
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13 **Whereas**, the federal and state agencies in charge of regulating in-stream activities,
14 including stream bank stabilization, gravel removal and excavation, willow removal, or a
15 combination thereof, and their commenting groups should use unbiased scientific studies and
16 evidence of projects completed in the past by agencies or individuals; and
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18 **Whereas**, the federal and state agencies as well as their commenting groups that
19 are in charge of protecting the aquatic life and environment of these streams and rivers should
20 base their decisions and practices on unbiased scientific studies or facts and not undertake
21 actions to achieve policy goals:
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23 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
24 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
25 concurring therein, hereby promote the use of sound scientific research and data that is produced
26 from unbiased university studies; and
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28 **Be it further resolved** that federal and state agencies as well as their
29 commenting groups base past and future decisions and practices involving any stream activity
30 inside the high banks on unbiased scientific university studies along with practices that have been
31 proven effective over generations of landowner implementing; and
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33 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
35 United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and
36 Wildlife Service within the United States Department of Interior, the United States
37 Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Missouri
38 Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the Missouri
39 Department of Natural Resources.

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