

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 73

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FALLERT (Sponsor),
FISCHER (107) AND TILLEY (Co-sponsors).

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1 **Whereas**, on January 6, 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
2 issued proposed new national ambient air quality standards for ground-level ozone that would
3 lower the eight-hour primary ozone standard that it recommended less than just two years ago;
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6 **Whereas**, the current standard of .075 parts per million was established to meet the
7 goal of protecting public health and the environment and undertaking the process to revise the
8 standard less than two years later is premature; and

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10 **Whereas**, the proposed new lower ozone standard will likely push a greater number
11 of more predominantly rural areas in Missouri into "nonattainment" status; and

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13 **Whereas**, the more stringent environmental compliance measures that apply to
14 areas designated as "nonattainment" will result in higher costs of doing business in these rural
15 areas which would be crippling to economic growth and job creation; and

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17 **Whereas**, because rural and metropolitan areas have uniquely different
18 characteristics, the approach used to address air quality in rural areas should not necessarily be
19 the same approach as that used in metropolitan areas:

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21 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
22 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
23 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to not lower
24 the eight-hour primary ozone standard from its current standard; and

25 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urges the United
26 States Environmental Protection Agency to utilize a separate designation for rural nonattainment
27 areas, rather than including the rural areas into neighboring metropolitan nonattainment areas;
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30 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
31 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
32 President of the United States, Lisa Jackson, the Administrator of the United States
33 Environmental Protection Agency, and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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