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WHEREAS, governments at the state and local level have been implementing management strategies aimed at increasing efficiency, streamlining processes and programs, and utilizing collaboration to maximize the value of each dollar received from taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, such strategies include consolidation and standardization, whereby multiple agencies, divisions, and departments which utilize similar technologies and business practices adopt mirrored policies and combine assets and their related administrations to reduce required overhead; and

WHEREAS, these strategies have been taken advantage of to great effect by 14 of Missouri's 16 executive branch departments; and

WHEREAS, savings for the costs of operating state data systems has totaled more than \$30 million for FY 2009 to FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, savings realized through consolidation of leased space over the same time period has totaled \$5,836,720 in rent and \$949,718 in janitorial costs, and eliminated 437,033 square feet; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of vehicle fleet carpools have eliminated 33% of the Jefferson City-based pool and reduced the number of statewide vehicles by 917, saving an untold amount each fiscal year and returning more than \$2.3 million to the state treasury; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of mail services to the Central Mail Services system has yielded a 40% savings; and

WHEREAS, two state departments, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation, are granted state constitutional exemption from oversight by the Missouri General Assembly; and

30 **WHEREAS**, these two departments have declined to consolidate or report basic
31 statistics, measures, or other reporting mechanisms that aid the Office of Administration in its
32 efforts to streamline state government operations; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, these two departments similarly maintain independent human resource
35 systems, information technology systems and databases, fleet management policies, and other
36 operating standards; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, Missouri institutions of higher education also conduct functional activities,
39 such as fleet management and surplus property auctions, which could be consolidated with those
40 of the state at large to save the educational system valuable resources; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, following statewide standards and consolidating duplicitous functions
43 could save Missouri taxpayers many more millions of dollars; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, those agencies that have consolidated continue to ably and aptly carry out
46 their respective missions and priorities:

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48 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
49 House of Representatives, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, strongly encourage Missouri's
50 executive branch to act in concert with itself and adopt true statewide standards and strategies
51 through collaboration and consolidation across all departments; and

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives strongly
54 encourages Missouri institutions of higher education to consider a stronger collaboration with
55 the state in an effort to divert funding from wasteful spending and redirect it to the classroom;
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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
59 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each
60 member of the Missouri Conservation Commission, each member of the Missouri Highways and
61 Transportation Commission, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of
62 the Department of Conservation, and the President and each member of the governing board of
63 every publicly funded institution of higher education in the State of Missouri.

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