

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[CORRECTED]

House Concurrent Resolution No. 96

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONWAY (104).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

Relating to designating May of each year as “Move Over Slow Down Awareness Month.”

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement officers, emergency response personnel, Missouri Department of Public Safety workers, and Missouri Department of Transportation workers spend many hours working on the roadsides throughout the state to enforce traffic laws, respond to traffic incidents and emergencies, and to perform routine roadside maintenance; and

WHEREAS, these troopers, officers, personnel, and workers have been struck by passing vehicles while they were performing law enforcement business, emergency response, and motorist assistance along the side of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's "Move Over or Slow Down" law requires motorists to either change lanes or slow down when approaching Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement vehicles, emergency vehicles, and Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety emergency response or motorist assist vehicles stopped or parked on the side of the road; and

WHEREAS, by moving over and providing a safe space or slowing down for Missouri Highway State Patrol and other law enforcement officers, emergency vehicles, and Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety emergency response or motorist assist vehicles, passing motorists can help prevent injury or death to these individuals while they are performing their official public duties on Missouri roadsides; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Highway Patrol is concerned with the safety of all law enforcement officers, emergency response personnel, and Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety workers as they perform their official duties to the traveling public; and

28 **WHEREAS**, acknowledging Missouri's "Move Over or Slow Down" law serves as a
29 reminder to the motoring public that following this common sense law will provide safer
30 conditions for those whose work is often conducted along the side of the road:

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32 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
33 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
34 concurring therein, hereby declare May of each year to be "Move Over or Slow Down Awareness
35 Month" and encourage the citizens of this state to remember the "Move Over or Slow Down" law
36 when approaching a Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement vehicles,
37 emergency vehicles, and Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety
38 emergency response or motorist assist vehicles when displaying emergency lights or flashing
39 amber and white lights and parked or stopped on the side of the road.

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
42 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
43 Superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol, the Director the Department of Transportation,
44 and the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

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