

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TRENT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to national American history and founders month.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

WHEREAS, we are approaching our nation's semiquincentennial anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, America has long been a beacon of hope, individual liberty, freedom, and
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4 pursuit of happiness; and

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WHEREAS, our nation depends on an active citizenry, well educated in civics and
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7 history, to maintain our system of government; and

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WHEREAS, our history consists of our nation's Founding Fathers, the men who wrote
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10 the constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and the free governments of the ancient
11 world, Athens and the Roman Republic, which informed their labor; and

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WHEREAS, we are most desirous to avoid the fate of decline, decay, and dissolution,
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14 which laid low the glories of the ancients who first developed free institutions of government;
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WHEREAS, recent studies suggest that a sizeable number of Americans lack basic
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18 literacy regarding the history of America or the structure of our constitution; and

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WHEREAS, the month of November seamlessly encompasses other important dates to
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21 our national character, including Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving; and

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WHEREAS, the month of November is ideally situated to allow schools to continue to
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24 develop ideas for the rest of the school calendar; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, our nation's children are and will forever be the most important cohort of
27 society for the maintenance and propagation of our national institutions:

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29 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
30 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
31 concurring therein, hereby designate the month of November as "National American History and
32 Founders Month" in the state of Missouri.

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
35 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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