

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUSICK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly recognizes the need for all Missourians and all
2 geographic areas of the state to have access to a reliable and safe water supply; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Multipurpose Water Resource Act, set forth in Sections 256.435 to
5 256.445 RSMo, permits the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to participate in the
6 development, construction, or renovation of approved water resource projects, which may
7 include the use of money in the Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund established in the
8 state treasury to carry out approved water resource projects; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission is sponsoring a
11 project to develop a long-term water resource reservoir for a ten county area in north central
12 Missouri - the reservoir to be located in Sullivan County; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission's project has been
15 approved in accordance with the Multipurpose Water Resource Act to receive funds from the
16 Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission expects the U.S.
19 Army Corps of Engineers to issue a Record of Decision and permit the commencement of
20 construction of the reservoir in calendar year 2021; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission requires funding
23 that exceeds the current balance in the Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund. Therefore,
24 once a Record of Decision is issued, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission

25 intends to secure a loan and grant package from the United States Department of
26 Agriculture-Rural Development. The funding package will consolidate the North Central
27 Missouri Regional Water Commission's debt and provide funding for construction of the
28 reservoir. The North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission's funding package could
29 total 48.5 million dollars with a thirty-five year repayment schedule; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, as a stipulation of the Letter of Conditions between the United States
32 Department of Agriculture-Rural Development and the North Central Missouri Regional Water
33 Commission, it will be necessary for the state to enter into an agreement with the North Central
34 Missouri Regional Water Commission for financial assurances associated with loans made from
35 the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development and the North Central Missouri
36 Regional Water Commission; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, it may be additionally necessary for the state to annually appropriate, and
39 for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to allocate, funds from the Multipurpose
40 Water Resource Program Fund over the thirty-five year repayment term of the United States
41 Department of Agriculture-Rural Development loan:

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43 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
44 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
45 concurring therein, hereby support the funding of the North Central Missouri Regional Water
46 Commission project by the state entering into a long-term commitment of money in the
47 Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund, subject to appropriations; provided that the total
48 annual cost does not exceed 1.5 million dollars, and the total cost over the life of the contract
49 does not exceed 24 million dollars; and

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the General Assembly support the
52 following:

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54 1. The payment of debt service to the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural
55 Development on behalf of the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission, which shall
56 be payable from future appropriations to be made by the General Assembly of General Revenue
57 funds to the Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund; and

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59 2. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 28 of the Missouri Constitution, this resolution shall
60 not bind future General Assemblies to make any appropriation for the purposes enumerated

61 herein. It is the present intent of the General Assembly that during each of the fiscal years in
62 which the state has entered into an agreement for long-term support of a project, General
63 Revenue be appropriated to the Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund in an amount
64 sufficient to fulfill the obligations of the contract between the state and the North Central
65 Missouri Regional Water Commission; and

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

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