

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MERIDETH.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to rivers of Missouri day.

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

2 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is home to more than 110,000 miles of running water; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has four aquatic faunal regions with distinct aquatic animals
4 that reside in each; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Grassland/Prairie Streams region includes the portion of the state
7 north of the Missouri River and is distinguished by turbid water due to clay and soil particles
8 in the water; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the Ozark Streams are located mostly south of the Missouri River and
11 many are characterized by the caves and springs of the Ozark region and are clear, cool, and
12 fast-flowing; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Lowland Streams are primarily located in the Bootheel
15 and are much different from streams elsewhere in the state due to their low elevation and
16 unique, swampy ecosystems; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the Big Rivers, the Missouri and Mississippi, are distinct from all other
19 rivers in the state due to their size, swift and constant flow, the extent to which they have been
20 channelized and dammed, and continual monitoring by public engineers to maintain safety for
21 barge traffic; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Missouri rivers and streams are a source of pride for Missourians and
24 are essential to maintaining our quality of life:

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26 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
27 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the
28 Senate concurring therein, hereby designate the first Tuesday in March each year as "Rivers
29 of Missouri Day"; and

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

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