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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NOS. 10 & 20**
103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day.

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

WHEREAS, July 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, one of the darkest chapters in modern European history, where more than 8,000 Bosniak men and boys were systematically executed by Bosnian Serb forces in and around the town of Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) have both recognized the atrocities committed in Srebrenica as genocide, a crime against humanity that deeply scars the collective conscience of the global community; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the United States Congress adopted House Resolution 199, officially recognizing the Srebrenica massacre as genocide and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the principles of justice, accountability, and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, several U.S. states, including Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa, have passed resolutions commemorating the Srebrenica genocide and establishing official days of remembrance, reflecting a broad, nationwide recognition of this atrocity; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri is home to one of the largest Bosnian populations outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a vibrant community that has greatly enriched the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our state; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Bosnian community has played a significant role in
24 educating the public about the events in Srebrenica and fostering dialogue around the
25 importance of remembrance, justice, and reconciliation; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, it is the moral duty of the people of Missouri and the broader United
28 States to remember the victims of the Srebrenica genocide, to honor the survivors, and to
29 commit to the principles of human dignity, justice, and peace for all:

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31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
32 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the
33 Senate concurring therein, hereby solemnly commemorate the 30th anniversary of the
34 Srebrenica genocide, honoring the memory of those who perished and standing in solidarity
35 with the survivors and the families of the victims; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that July 11, 2025, shall be designated as
38 "Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day" in Missouri in recognition of the profound loss
39 and suffering endured by the victims and their families, and as a reminder of the importance
40 of preventing such atrocities in the future; and

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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly recognizes the
43 contributions of the Bosnian community in Missouri, particularly their efforts in promoting
44 awareness and understanding of the Srebrenica genocide, and encourages continued
45 educational initiatives to ensure that future generations learn from the past; and

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly reaffirms its
48 commitment to upholding the principles of human rights, justice, and the prevention of future
49 genocides, and calls upon all Missourians to join in these efforts; and

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly stands in
52 solidarity with other states and the U.S. Congress in recognizing the Srebrenica genocide,
53 underscoring Missouri's commitment to human rights and international justice; and

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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
56 be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President of the
57 United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Ambassador of Bosnia and
58 Herzegovina to the United States, the leaders of the Bosnian community in Missouri, and the

59 leaders of other states that have passed similar resolutions, as an expression of our shared
60 commitment to remembrance and justice; and

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

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