

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to infertility awareness week.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, according to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine,
2 infertility is defined as a disease, condition, or status characterized by the inability to
3 achieve a successful pregnancy based on a patient's medical, sexual, and reproductive history,
4 age, physical findings, diagnostic testing, or any combination thereof; the need for medical
5 intervention, such as the use of donor gametes or donor embryos, to achieve a successful
6 pregnancy either as an individual or with a partner; or the inability to conceive or sustain a
7 successful pregnancy after 12 months of regular, unprotected sexual intercourse for women
8 under 35 years of age, or 6 months for women 35 years and older; and affects millions of
9 individuals and couples worldwide; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that approximately 1 in 6 couples in the United States
12 experience infertility, affecting men and women equally; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the emotional, physical, and financial toll of infertility can significantly
15 affect the mental health and well-being of individuals and families; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, raising awareness about infertility helps to reduce stigma, foster
18 understanding, and promote equitable access to fertility treatments and family-building
19 options, including assisted reproductive technologies, adoption, and surrogacy; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, research and education on infertility, as well as advances in medical
22 treatment, remain critical to supporting individuals and couples facing infertility; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, organizations both locally and nationally play a vital role in advocating
25 for those affected by infertility and in providing resources and support; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the last full week in April as Infertility Awareness Week
28 provides an opportunity to educate the public, support those navigating infertility, and
29 encourage policymakers to address barriers to care and treatment:

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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 designate the last full week of April each year as Infertility
34 Awareness Week to increase understanding, provide support, and emphasize the importance
35 of access to care for all affected individuals and families; and

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

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