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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, Missouri is uniquely positioned, with abundant natural resources, fertile  
2 farmland, and innovative communities, to lead the nation in advancing sustainable economic  
3 growth and job creation; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the health and prosperity of Missouri families and farmers are  
6 dependent on clean air, clean water, and fertile soil, which are under threat from increasing  
7 environmental challenges; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, Missouri's agricultural sector, small businesses, and energy producers  
10 have the potential to benefit from investments in renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure,  
11 and climate-resilient farming practices; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, transitioning to a clean energy economy presents an opportunity to  
14 create thousands of good-paying jobs, strengthen rural communities, and reduce the reliance  
15 on out-of-state energy imports; and  
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17           **WHEREAS**, the long-term cost of inaction on climate change will disproportionately  
18 harm Missouri's farmers, workers, and vulnerable populations through increased flooding,  
19 droughts, and other extreme weather events:  
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21           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
22 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the  
23 Senate concurring therein, are committed to supporting clean energy and job creation by  
24 supporting legislation that:  
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26 (1) Expands solar, wind, and bioenergy production to generate one-hundred percent of  
27 Missouri's electricity from renewable sources by 2040, prioritizing rural areas for project  
28 development;

29 (2) Establishes training programs for renewable energy installation, maintenance, and  
30 manufacturing in partnership with Missouri's community colleges and vocational schools;

31 (3) Incentivizes farmers to install wind turbines, solar panels, and biogas systems on  
32 their land, creating supplemental income streams and boosting energy independence; and  
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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general assembly commits to encouraging  
35 climate-resilient agriculture by creating programs that:

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37 (1) Provide grants and tax credits for farmers who adopt cover cropping, no-till  
38 farming, and crop rotation practices to sequester carbon and reduce erosion;

39 (2) Expand funding for irrigation efficiency programs and promote buffer zones  
40 around rivers to protect water quality; and

41 (3) Invest in local food supply chains and farmers' markets to reduce emissions  
42 associated with long-distance transportation and support Missouri farmers; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general assembly is committed to  
45 supporting infrastructure and transportation by:

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47 (1) Upgrading bridges, roads, and levees to withstand extreme weather events,  
48 ensuring safety for communities and reliability for commerce;

49 (2) Supporting the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) by expanding EV charging  
50 infrastructure across the state, particularly in rural areas, and offering incentives for EV  
51 purchases; and

52 (3) Investing in efficient public transportation systems in Missouri's urban centers to  
53 reduce emissions and improve accessibility; and

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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general assembly urges the protection of  
56 natural resources and communities by:

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58 (1) Increasing funding for flood mitigation projects and community resilience plans,  
59 particularly in flood-prone regions along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers;

60 (2) Expanding state conservation initiatives to preserve forests, wetlands, and  
61 grasslands, which play a critical role in carbon sequestration and wildlife protection; and

62 (3) Ensuring that underserved communities disproportionately affected by pollution  
63 and climate change receive priority access to clean energy investments and infrastructure  
64 improvements; and

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66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general assembly is committed to taking  
67 steps to support the goals outlined in this resolution by:

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69 (1) Encouraging private sector investment in clean energy and infrastructure through  
70 state-supported tax incentives and grants;

71 (2) Establishing renewable energy and climate-resilient agriculture as priorities in  
72 Missouri's rural development zones, boosting local economies while addressing  
73 environmental challenges;

74 (3) Ensuring that every program or policy under this resolution is implemented in a  
75 way that minimizes costs and maximizes economic benefits for Missouri taxpayers;

76 (4) Establishing a council of Missouri farmers, energy producers, and small business  
77 leaders to advise on the implementation of renewable energy and agricultural programs; and

78 (5) Requiring the Department of Conservation, working in conjunction with the  
79 Department of Natural Resources and any other necessary departments, to submit an annual  
80 report to the General Assembly on the progress of renewable energy adoption, job creation,  
81 and environmental outcomes; and

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83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the general assembly recognizes and supports  
84 efforts to establish a Heartland Initiative in order to ensure that the state's economy,  
85 environment, and communities thrive for generations to come; and

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87 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
88 Representatives be instructed to prepare and properly inscribe a copy of this resolution to  
89 send to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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