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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSH MOORE.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

Relating to Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 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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