

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3876

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, Missouri is currently experiencing a housing affordability and  
2 availability crisis, with a significant portion of the population struggling to find affordable  
3 housing options that meet their needs; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, according to the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC),  
6 Missouri's affordable housing gap has widened, with thousands of low-income families  
7 unable to access safe, stable, and affordable housing; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, as of the most recent reports from the National Low Income Housing  
10 Coalition (NLIHC), Missouri has a shortage of nearly 101,905 rental units that are affordable  
11 and available to renters with extremely low incomes (30% or less of the area's median  
12 income); and  
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14           **WHEREAS**, data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey  
15 indicates that nearly 40% of renters in Missouri spend more than 30% of their income on  
16 housing costs, making housing affordability a pressing issue for the state's working families  
17 and individuals; and  
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19           **WHEREAS**, rising construction costs, limited available land, and regulatory barriers  
20 are contributing to a slow pace of new housing development in both urban and rural areas of  
21 the state, leading to higher housing costs and fewer available units; and  
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23           **WHEREAS**, the affordability crisis is compounded by an increasing number of  
24 Missouri households being priced out of home ownership, particularly in urban centers such  
25 as St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, and Columbia, where home prices have risen rapidly in  
26 recent years; and  
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28           **WHEREAS**, insufficient investment in affordable housing development, both in the  
29 private and public sectors, is leaving Missouri's most vulnerable populations, including

30 seniors, disabled individuals, and families with children, without adequate housing options;  
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33 **WHEREAS**, the shortage of affordable housing in Missouri has been shown to have  
34 significant negative impacts on the economy, public health, and educational outcomes for  
35 children and families, as those struggling with housing insecurity often face higher rates of  
36 eviction, poor living conditions, and limited access to opportunities for economic mobility;  
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly has a constitutional duty to protect the  
40 welfare of its citizens, and it is imperative that lawmakers and local governments come  
41 together to adopt policies that encourage the development of affordable housing, reduce  
42 barriers to construction, and address the affordability crisis head-on; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's residents and communities would benefit greatly from the  
45 implementation of innovative housing solutions, including increased funding for the Low-  
46 Income Housing Tax Credit, zoning reforms, expansion of rental assistance programs, and  
47 strategic investments in affordable housing infrastructure; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, solving Missouri's housing affordability and availability crisis will  
50 require a collaborative approach, including the active involvement of state and local  
51 governments, businesses, nonprofits, and other community stakeholders:

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53 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of  
54 Representatives, One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby  
55 recognizes the urgent housing affordability and availability crisis facing the state and calls for  
56 immediate and comprehensive action to address the issue; and

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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives urges all  
59 Missourians, including citizens, policymakers, and community leaders, to give thoughtful  
60 consideration and work together to explore viable solutions to solve the housing crisis,  
61 ensuring that every Missouri family has access to safe, stable, and affordable housing; and

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63 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives calls on  
64 the Missouri General Assembly to prioritize the creation and implementation of policies that  
65 promote affordable housing development, reduce housing costs, and support individuals and  
66 families struggling to find adequate housing; and

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68           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk be instructed to prepare a  
69 properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Governor and the President Pro Tempore of  
70 the Missouri Senate.

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