

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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:

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

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

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

WHEREAS, raising awareness about infertility helps to reduce stigma, foster understanding, and promote equitable access to fertility treatments and family-building options; and

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

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

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

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30 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
31 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
32 Senate concurring therein, hereby designate the last full week of April each year as Infertility
33 Awareness Week to increase understanding, provide support, and emphasize the importance
34 of access to care for all affected individuals and families; and

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

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