

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,
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 to achieve a successful pregnancy either as an individual or with a partner; or the
6 inability to conceive or sustain a successful pregnancy after 12 months of regular, unprotected
7 sexual intercourse for women under 35 years of age, or 6 months for women 35 years and
8 older; and affects millions of individuals and couples worldwide; and
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WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 1 in 6 couples in the United States
10 experiences infertility, affecting men and women equally; and
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WHEREAS, the emotional, physical, and financial toll of infertility can significantly
12 affect the mental health and well-being of individuals and families; and
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WHEREAS, raising awareness about infertility helps to reduce stigma, foster
14 understanding, and promote equitable access to fertility treatments and family-building
15 options; and
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WHEREAS, research and education on infertility, as well as advances in medical
17 treatment, remain critical to supporting individuals and couples facing infertility; and
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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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