

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WHALEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the safety and mobility of Missouri's local communities are heavily
3 dependent on the critical infrastructure maintained by county and municipal road crews and
4 utility lineworkers; and

5 **WHEREAS**, during severe winter weather events, these dedicated local workers
6 serve as the frontline defense against hazardous travel conditions and power outages; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, local road crews and lineworkers often begin their operations in the
9 dark, early morning hours before a storm hits and continue working through freezing
10 temperatures and blinding snow to ensure that emergency routes, residential streets, and
11 school paths are cleared and that essential utilities are restored; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the work of these individuals is physically demanding and inherently
14 dangerous, requiring the operation of heavy machinery on slick, unpredictable surfaces and
15 climbing or repairing high-voltage lines in treacherous conditions to protect the lives of their
16 fellow citizens; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the tireless efforts of local public works and street departments
19 alongside utility crews allow first responders to reach those in need, parents to transport
20 children safely, families to maintain heat and power, and the local economy to remain
21 functional even in the harshest climates; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, these workers frequently sacrifice holidays and time with their own
24 families during emergencies to serve the public good, often working rotating shifts until every
25 local road is safe for travel and every critical utility is restored:

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27 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
28 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
29 Senate concurring therein, hereby express their profound gratitude and honor the local road
30 crews and utility lineworkers across the State of Missouri for their bravery, resilience, and
31 unwavering commitment to public safety during winter weather emergencies; and

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly encourages all
34 Missourians to recognize the grit and dedication of these local heroes and to exercise
35 extreme caution and patience while crews are working to clear snow and ice from community
36 streets and restore essential services; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
40 Missouri Municipal League, the State Association of County Commissioners, and the
41 Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives for distribution to local road departments and
42 utility providers throughout the state.

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