

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GANNON.

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Joachim Creek runs through both Jefferson County and St. Francois
2 County in Missouri; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Joachim Creek has changed over the course of time and has begun to
5 endanger the health, safety, and welfare of citizens by being prone to frequent flash flood events;
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8 **WHEREAS**, it is pertinent that action be taken in order to ensure that citizens located
9 near Joachim Creek have safe housing and a safe environment to work, live, and raise their
10 families; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, citizens, government agencies, community groups, and businesses need to
13 come together to provide solutions for those afflicted by the Joachim Creek frequent flash flood
14 events; and

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16 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
17 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
18 concurring therein, hereby urge the City of DeSoto and Jefferson County to establish a Joachim
19 Creek Joint Task Force in order to:

20 1. Establish an early warning system to alert citizens of the need to evacuate during a
21 flash flood event;

22 2. Conduct a study to better identify areas that are truly affected by repeated flooding of
23 the Joachim Creek, and to distribute such results to assist in long-term planning in the Jefferson
24 County area;

25 3. Determine if an organized property buyout is possible for areas that are truly affected
26 by repeated flooding of the Joachim Creek; and

27 4. Identify methods that allow the area to use such flooding as an economic development
28 tool; and

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Task Force may include the following
31 members:

- 32 1. Traysa Sauer, Committee Member, Concerned Citizens for Flood Relief;
- 33 2. Susan Liley, Committee Member, Concerned Citizens for Flood Relief;
- 34 3. Paula Arbuthnot, Committee Member, Concerned Citizens for Flood Relief;
- 35 4. Elaine Gannon, State Representative, Missouri House of Representatives, District 115;
- 36 5. Claire McCaskill, Senator, United States Senate, or her designee;
- 37 6. Roy Blunt, Senator, United States Senate, or his designee;
- 38 7. Jason Smith, Congressman, United States House of Representatives, Missouri's 8th
39 District, or his designee;
- 40 8. Gary Romine, Senator, Missouri State Senate, District 3;
- 41 9. Ben Harris, State Representative, Missouri House of Representatives, District 118;
- 42 10. Ken Waller, County Executive, Jefferson County;
- 43 11. Warren Robinson, Director, Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management;
- 44 12. Eric Larson, Director, Code Enforcement Division, Jefferson County;
- 45 13. David Dews, City Manager, City of DeSoto;
- 46 14. A representative from the Army Corps of Engineers;
- 47 15. A representative from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency;
- 48 16. A representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
- 49 17. A representative from the Jefferson County Office of Economic Development; and

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Task Force may elect a chairperson and other
52 officeholders from within its membership, and may add members to the Task Force by a majority
53 vote; and

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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
56 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jefferson
57 County Executive Ken Waller, Senator Claire McCaskill, Senator Roy Blunt, Congressman
58 Jason Smith, the Director of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, the
59 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Commanding General
60 of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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