

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POGUE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, state government should not be involved in the institution of marriage or
2 in the issuance of marriage licenses; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, our statutes are entrenched with matters relating to marriage including, but
5 not limited to, laws relating to tax, property, family, probate, business, and county government;
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8 **WHEREAS**, a special session is needed in order to properly vet such matters and reform
9 our statutes to remove the state's involvement in marriage; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, under Article III, Section 20(b) of the Constitution of Missouri, the General
12 Assembly may call a special session upon filing of a petition with the Secretary of State stating
13 the purpose for which the session is to be called and signed by 3/4 of the members of the Senate
14 and 3/4 of the members of the House of Representatives; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly should have prior notice of such special session in
17 order to conduct research and draft legislation; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly should agree to reconvene in a special session in
20 September 2017, concurrent with the veto session, in order to explore this issue:

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22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
23 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
24 concurring therein, hereby agree to file a joint proclamation calling for a special session of the
25 General Assembly in September 2017, for the purpose of discussing the state's involvement in
26 the institution of marriage; and

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
29 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
30 member of the General Assembly.

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