

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SWAN (Sponsor), GARDNER AND KIRKTON (Co-sponsors).

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2 **WHEREAS**, music therapy is defined as the clinical and evidence-based use of music
3 interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a
4 credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, in order for a person to be a board-certified music therapist (MT-BC), he
6 or she must complete a degree in music therapy at a college or university approved by the
7 American Music Therapy Association and be certified by the Certification Board for Music
8 Therapists (CBMT); and

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10 **WHEREAS**, music therapy is a health field that offers benefits across all developmental
11 domains and supports patients of all ages and ability levels, including but not limited to, children,
12 adolescents, adults, and the elderly; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, research has shown that music therapy can help Alzheimer's patients regain
15 cognitive function, premature infants gain weight, autistic children communicate, stroke patients
16 regain speech and mobility, dental, surgical, and orthopedic patients control chronic pain, and
17 psychiatric patients manage anxiety and depression; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, research has shown music therapy to be a cost-effective service by reducing
20 medication costs, addressing multiple domains in one session, and increasing medical staff
21 efficiency; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, more than 28,000 Missourians receive music therapy services each year;
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26 **WHEREAS**, more than 135 board-certified music therapists (MT-BCs) work in
27 Missouri; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has three colleges that offer degrees in music therapy: the
30 University of Missouri - Kansas City, Drury University, and Maryville University; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, music therapists are not presently required to be licensed, certified, or
33 registered by the state:

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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
36 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
37 concurring therein, hereby recognize that music therapy is a valid and important health care
38 service for Missourians and request that steps be taken to enact legislation requiring the licensure
39 of music therapists in the state of Missouri.

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