

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER.

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AN ACT

Relating to the designation of Missouri No Smoking/No Tobacco Day.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

2 **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 1987, the World Health Organization (WHO) passed a
3 resolution calling for April 7, 1988, to be the first "World No Smoking Day", a date chosen
4 because it was the 40th anniversary of WHO; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1989, the World Health Organization passed a resolution
6 calling for May 31st to be annually known as "World No Tobacco Day", which has been
7 observed each year since 1989; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, medical research made it clear during the 1900s that tobacco use increased
10 the likelihood of many illnesses, including heart attacks, strokes, chronic obstructive pulmonary
11 disease (COPD), emphysema, and many forms of cancer; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the aim of a no smoking/tobacco day is to inform the public about the
14 dangers of using tobacco and is a day for people, non-governmental organizations, and
15 governments to organize and conduct various activities to increase awareness about such
16 dangers; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of Missouri wish to send a message of global
19 solidarity against smoking by observing a no smoking/tobacco day to coincide with "World No
20 Tobacco Day":

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
23 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
24 concurring therein, hereby designate May 31st each year to be "Missouri No Smoking/Tobacco
25 Day" to be held in conjunction with the "World No Tobacco Day" to increase awareness about
26 the negative effects of tobacco use on our citizens, families, friends, and communities; and
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizens of this state are encourage to observe
29 the day with appropriate events and activities aimed at preventing people from starting tobacco
30 use and assisting those who currently use tobacco in learning not only how, but why it is vitally
31 important to stop their tobacco use; and

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
34 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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