

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 100

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, each of us expects and deserves safe drinking water. In Missouri, our  
2 sources of water supply continue to be pure and plentiful; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, water absorbs naturally occurring minerals as it travels over the surface of  
5 the land or through the ground and may also pick up substances resulting from animal and human  
6 activity; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, substances and contaminants that could be present in source water include  
9 microbes, organic and inorganic compounds, pesticides and herbicides, and radioactive  
10 materials; and

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12           **WHEREAS**, in 1973, contractors responsible for cleaning up Latty Avenue illegally  
13 dumped large amounts of radioactive material at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton after drying  
14 and shipping operations had been abandoned; and

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16           **WHEREAS**, West Lake is in the Missouri River floodplain, and some of the buried  
17 radioactive wastes may be in contact with the groundwater that flows into the Missouri River,  
18 upstream from drinking water intakes for North St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, West Lake Landfill is adjacent to the Earth City levee, and the radioactive  
21 materials at West Lake could be released into the Missouri River if the levee fails; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department  
24 of Natural Resources collaboratively regulate the amount of contaminants allowed in public  
25 drinking water to ensure its safety; and

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27           **WHEREAS**, Missouri American Water has been delivering high-quality water service  
28 to its customers for more than 100 years, and its water quality consistently meets or surpasses  
29 state and federal requirements; and

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31           **WHEREAS**, Missouri American Water's water treatment plants are members of the  
32 Partnership for Safe Water, a national voluntary initiative developed by the Environmental  
33 Protection Agency to recognize water suppliers that consistently achieve water treatment  
34 standards that surpass regulatory requirements, and fewer than one percent of water utilities in  
35 the country have achieved this recognition; and

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37           **WHEREAS**, Missouri American Water was one of six organizations that received the  
38 Governor's Natural Resources Award of Excellence from the Missouri Department of Natural  
39 Resources in 2014 for leadership in effectively managing natural resources including the  
40 stewardship of the Missouri River and local watersheds:

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42           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
43 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
44 concurring therein, hereby recognize Missouri American Water Company's continuing efforts  
45 to provide the highest quality water for its customers by greatly exceeding Environmental  
46 Protection Agency and Missouri Department of Natural Resources reporting requirements,  
47 including biannual testing for radiological contaminants at its North County Water Treatment  
48 Facility; and

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50           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
51 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Missouri  
52 American Water Company and Sara Parker Pauley, the Director of the Missouri Department of  
53 Natural Resources.

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