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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many holiday plans being modified or cancelled; and

WHEREAS, health care workers across the state of Missouri have worked tirelessly to keep our citizens safe during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, once the COVID-19 vaccine is widely available, life will be able to return to a new normal; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state deserve the opportunity to celebrate their Christmas and other holiday traditions; and

WHEREAS, health care workers and other frontline workers deserve recognition for their hard work throughout this difficult time in our history:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby designate July 25, 2021, as "Christmas in July". The citizens of this state are encouraged to decorate and celebrate their Christmas traditions at this time when it will be safer to gather and to honor health care workers who made many sacrifices throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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