

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MERIDETH.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri residents have faced and continue to face significant economic
2 hardships as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, as the result of a possible administrative error made by the Missouri
5 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, many of these Missouri residents may have
6 received employment security payments to which they were not entitled; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, it would likely impose a severe financial burden on many Missouri families
9 for the state government to force these Missouri residents to return their payments, especially
10 given that many of these residents have likely already expended the funds that were inadvertently
11 provided by such payments; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the members of the General Assembly believe that the Governor of
14 Missouri may be able to help Missouri families avoid such an impending financial burden by
15 taking executive action on this matter to forgive any employment security payments that were
16 fully funded by moneys received directly from the federal government and that have been
17 inadvertently but nonfraudulently distributed to Missouri residents during the COVID-19
18 pandemic; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the federal government has authorized states, pursuant to federal statute and
21 guidance, that the amounts of such nonfraudulent overpayments can be forgiven if collecting the
22 overpayments would be contrary to equity and good conscience:

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24 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
25 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
26 concurring therein, hereby call upon the Governor of Missouri to forgive, to the fullest extent
27 allowable, any inadvertent but nonfraudulent overpayments of unemployment compensation that
28 were fully funded by moneys received directly from the federal government and that were
29 received by Missouri residents during the officially declared state of emergency in this state
30 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
34 Governor of Missouri.

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