

APPENDIX H

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2015—HCR 4 & 3. Relating to disapproving the recommendations of the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 3 of the Missouri Constitution charges the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials with setting the amounts of compensation paid to statewide elected officials, legislators, and judges; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides the Commission with a four-month window prior to its constitutional deadline for making salary recommendations to hold public hearings around the state to gather testimony related to salaries for affected state officials and to carefully consider whether pay increases are warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials has recommended that the compensation for statewide elected officials be increased by eight or ten percent over fiscal years 2016 and 2017, representing salary increases between \$9,000 to over \$22,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials has also recommended that the compensation for members of the General Assembly be increased by eleven percent over fiscal years 2016 and 2017, representing a salary increase of \$4,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials recommended that daily expense compensation be raised by \$26 a day and that mileage reimbursement be raised by \$0.19 per mile; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials recommended no increases in compensation for judges over fiscal years 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the state has many other priorities for appropriating money in the budget that are far more important than the salary increases recommended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's recommendations shall take effect unless disapproved by the General Assembly through a concurrent resolution process passed by two-thirds majorities in each legislative chamber before February 1, 2015:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby disapprove the recommendations of the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials contained in its report of November 2014; and

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

Approved January 30, 2015

2015 — SCR 1. Relating to recognition of January as sex trafficking awareness month.

WHEREAS, sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which psychological and physical coercion is used to force people to engage in commercial sex acts; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Department has identified St. Louis as a major hub of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the average victim of sex trafficking is thirteen years old; and

WHEREAS, sex traffickers have been luring young girls and boys into the sex trade industry through the internet or by meeting adolescents on the street through promises of a better life, a place to stay, friendship, and money; and

WHEREAS, these girls and boys, once lured into the sex trade industry, often suffer beatings, rape, are held in isolation in deplorable conditions, and are forbidden from leaving their room unless they're with their trafficker; and

WHEREAS, the average person in the commercial sex industry only lives for seven years after being lured into the trade; and

WHEREAS, federal officials estimate there are hundreds of thousands of victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, children from all socioeconomic backgrounds are at risk of becoming victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of the problem of sex trafficking in Missouri will help people identify victims of sex trafficking and educate parents, teachers, and children of the dangers and risks in order to prevent more people from becoming victims:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby designate January as sex trafficking awareness month in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly encourages and recommends that people of the State of Missouri observe sex trafficking awareness month through appropriate activities to increase awareness of sex trafficking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

Approved July 6, 2015

2015 — SCR 2. Relating to recognition of November as Pica Awareness Month in Missouri.

WHEREAS, the word pica is derived from the Latin word for magpie, a bird known for its large and indiscriminate appetite; and

WHEREAS, Pica is also the name of an eating disorder which is identified by the persistent craving and compulsive eating of nonedible food substances such as chalk, hair, dirt, sand and even household cleaners; and

WHEREAS, Pica is most common in people with developmental disabilities, including autism, and in children between the ages of two and three; and

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WHEREAS, Pica can also affect adults, pregnant women, people with epilepsy, traumatic brain injuries, or poor nutrition and low blood levels of iron or other minerals; and

WHEREAS, it remains difficult to identify Pica as many sufferers consume the substances in secret and physicians can have a difficult time identifying the cause of Pica-related health problems; and

WHEREAS, such symptoms and side effects include iron-deficiency anemia, lead or other poisoning, bowel obstruction, and even death; and

WHEREAS, there are no known methods of preventing Pica but when Pica is known or suspected, measures can be taken to reduce further ingestion of the nonfood substances; and

WHEREAS, parents should monitor the food and other substances that their children consume, particularly children who eat paint chips in homes with lead paint as such consumption can lead to lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Pica Awareness Month would provide an appropriate venue to communicate an important message to the public about this largely unknown but potentially extremely harmful eating disorder to ensure affected persons are accurately diagnosed and treated:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby recognize each year the month of November as "Pica Awareness Month"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of the state of Missouri are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities such as wearing the color orange to raise awareness of Pica; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

Approved July 6, 2015

2015 — SCR 4. Relating to recognition of September 26th as Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Missouri.

WHEREAS, mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer of the smooth lining of the chest, lungs, heart, and abdomen that is difficult to detect in its early stages and may be associated with many other conditions; however, when vital organs are involved or disease is identified outside of the operative field, surgery is no longer an option and patients are referred to chemotherapy or clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,500 to 3,000 cases of mesothelioma are reported annually in the United States, and because it occurs in such a small number of patients, mesothelioma is often referred to as an orphan disease, but the number of affected persons is steadily rising every year in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, mesothelioma is caused by exposure to asbestos fibers and characterized by a latency period that usually lasts for decades, although the exact method by which asbestos causes the disease is not known; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society indicates that most people who develop mesothelioma have worked on jobs where they inhaled asbestos particles, or have been exposed to asbestos dust and fibers in other ways, such as by washing the clothes of a family member who worked with asbestos, or by home renovation using asbestos products"; and

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WHEREAS, due to the long period between exposure and diagnosis, mesothelioma results in a life expectancy of four to eighteen months after onset, and nearly 3,000 persons succumb to the disease each year; and

WHEREAS, to promote public awareness of the dangers of this deadly cancer and of asbestos exposure, the need for treatment protocols, and funding for research, Mesothelioma Awareness Day was started by Meso Foundation volunteers in 2004, and September 26th was designated as the day to (I) remember the victims of mesothelioma, (ii) publicize the dangers of asbestos exposure, (iii) offer hope for those who suffer with the disease today, and (iv) focus on and highlight the need for research support and a cure for mesothelioma; and

WHEREAS, on September 26th each year, citizens across the nation are encouraged to participate in CURE MESOTHELIOMA public awareness programs and events, and to sponsor or organize fundraising campaigns in the name of MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS; and

WHEREAS, Mesothelioma Awareness Day provides an appropriate venue to communicate an important message to the public about this deadly cancer to ensure affected persons are accurately diagnosed and treated and connected to a support system:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby designate September 26th of every year as Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

Approved April 13, 2015