

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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# House Concurrent Resolution No. 105

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

2       **WHEREAS**, the land that would become the state of Missouri was included in the  
3 Louisiana Purchase, in which the United States acquired 828,000 square miles of the Louisiana  
4 Territory from France for \$15 million dollars in 1803; and

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5       **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Territory, including the future Missouri, was explored by  
6 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark at the direction of President Thomas Jefferson from 1803  
7 to 1806; and

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9       **WHEREAS**, William Clark was appointed governor of the Missouri Territory in 1813;  
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12       **WHEREAS**, Missouri attained statehood in 1821; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, Missouri's statehood occurred at a pivotal time in United States history; and

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16       **WHEREAS**, Missouri's admission to the Union was in doubt due to concerns in  
17 Congress about maintaining the balance of slave states and free states; and

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19       **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Compromise, one of the great pre-Civil War compromises in  
20 American history, allowed the admission of Missouri as a slave state and the simultaneous  
21 admission of Maine as a free state; and

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23       **WHEREAS**, Missouri's history, beginning even before its statehood, is rich in colorful  
24 characters, adventure, bravery, and the embodiment of the American dream; and

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26       **WHEREAS**, the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, directed the  
27 State Historical Society of Missouri to develop plans, ideas, and proposals to commemorate and

28 celebrate the Missouri bicentennial and ready itself to provide guidance and direction to a  
29 statewide effort to promote and celebrate the State of Missouri's rich and complex history; and  
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31 **WHEREAS**, the State Historical Society of Missouri has, through its Missouri 2021  
32 branding, fulfilled this charge, reaching out to and working with Missouri communities,  
33 organizations, and government agencies to develop a diverse array of projects and programs that  
34 promote a better understanding of Missouri's communities, counties, and regions and its citizens'  
35 shared investment in the future of the state; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, numerous statewide, non-profit organizations and government agencies  
38 formed the Bicentennial Alliance to create and promote statewide projects commemorating the  
39 Missouri bicentennial:

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41 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
42 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
43 concurring therein, hereby establish the Missouri Bicentennial Commission to advise and assist  
44 the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Bicentennial Alliance in planning activities and  
45 events that celebrate the 200th anniversary of Missouri's statehood on August 10, 2021; and

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission shall be composed of the  
48 Governor or his designee; the Secretary of State or his designee; the directors or their designees  
49 of the Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Division of  
50 Tourism; the director or his designee of the State Historical Society of Missouri; the executive  
51 director or his designee of the Missouri Humanities Council; four persons appointed by the  
52 Governor; two persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; two persons  
53 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and such other members as the Governor may from time  
54 to time appoint. The Governor shall designate two members of the Commission as co-chairs;  
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57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
58 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
59 Governor and all those named to the commission.

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