

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 24

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MUNTZEL.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by  
2 lessening the impact of disasters. It is most effective when implemented under a comprehensive,  
3 long-term mitigation plan; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, administered by the Federal  
6 Emergency Management Agency, is designed to assist states and local communities in  
7 implementing sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation programs; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, federal legislation recently enacted, the Disaster Recovery Reform Act,  
10 makes available new dollars for states and communities to undertake pre-disaster mitigation  
11 measures and creates new incentives for states to build resiliently; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, since 1908 natural disasters have cost the country more than one trillion  
14 dollars; and  
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16           **WHEREAS**, disasters affect the local and state economies in lost payrolls, lost sales and  
17 income tax, and increased disaster recovery times; and  
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19           **WHEREAS**, according to a FEMA commissioned study conducted by the National  
20 Institute of Building Sciences, every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation provides the nation with \$6  
21 in future benefits; and  
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23           **WHEREAS**, twenty-five percent of small businesses that are impacted by a natural  
24 disaster never reopen their doors; and  
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26           **WHEREAS**, September is National Preparedness Month in recognition of the need for  
27 all Americans to prepare and plan for recovery after a disaster; and  
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29           **WHEREAS**, mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster  
30 damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage; and

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32           **WHEREAS**, effective pre-disaster mitigation reduces the demand for relief services on  
33 volunteer organizations such as disaster rescue and recovery teams, along with food banks and  
34 homeless shelters, who serve our communities by changing their operations to provide additional  
35 services to those affected by disaster; and

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37           **WHEREAS**, this body honors the brave men and women who, as first responders,  
38 selflessly provide aid in a disaster to safeguard Missouri citizens; and

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40           **WHEREAS**, this body encourages Missouri communities to build resiliently and develop  
41 long-range mitigation strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events:

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43           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
44 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
45 concurring therein, hereby declare the week of September 1-7, 2019, as "Resiliency Week" to  
46 raise public awareness about the continuing need to plan for future disasters by instituting a pre-  
47 disaster mitigation strategy; and

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49           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
50 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
51 Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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