

House Concurrent Resolution No. 27

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, the national security interests of the United States are dependent on the
2 brave men and women who enforce our Nation's immigration laws; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, any call to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement is an insult to
5 the heroic law enforcement officers who make sacrifices every day to secure our borders, enforce
6 our laws, and protect our safety and security; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of the United States Immigration and Customs
9 Enforcement (ICE) would mean open and uncontrolled borders through elimination of the main
10 agency responsible for expelling people who enter or remain in our country unlawfully; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of ICE would permit dangerous criminal aliens, including
13 violent and ruthless members of the MS-13 gang, to enter and remain in American communities;
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16 **WHEREAS**, during fiscal year 2017, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)
17 arrested more than 127,000 aliens with a history of criminal convictions or current charges; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, ICE ERO made 5,225 administrative arrests of suspected gang members
20 in fiscal year 2017; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, criminal aliens arrested by ICE ERO in fiscal year 2017 were responsible
23 for more than 76,000 dangerous drug offenses; 48,000 assault offenses; 11,000 weapon offenses;
24 5,000 sexual assault offenses; 2,000 kidnapping offenses; and
25 1,800 homicide offenses; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, ICE Homeland Security Investigations made 4,818 gang-related arrests in
28 fiscal year 2017; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, ICE identified or rescued 904 sexually exploited children and identified or
31 rescued 518 victims of human trafficking; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of ICE would allow countless illegal aliens who pose a
34 threat to public safety to roam freely on American soil with no fear of deportation; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of ICE would mean more dangerous illegal drugs would
37 flow into our communities, causing more Americans to suffer needlessly; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, ICE plays a critical role in combating the drug crisis facing our Nation; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, ICE seized more than 980,000 pounds of narcotics in fiscal year 2017,
42 including thousands of pounds of the deadly drugs fueling the opioid crisis; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, ICE seized 2,370 pounds of fentanyl and 6,967 pounds of heroin in fiscal
45 year 2017; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, ICE logged nearly 90,000 investigative hours to interrupt the flow of
48 fentanyl in fiscal year 2017; and

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50 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of ICE would cause our communities even more
51 devastation from the free flow of these drugs; and

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53 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of ICE would eliminate the agency that deports aliens who
54 pose a terrorist threat to the United States; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, ICE was created in 2003 to protect national security and public safety after
57 the revelation of how the 9/11 terrorists exploited immigration laws to gain entry into the United
58 States; and

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60 **WHEREAS**, ICE is one of the first lines of defense against terrorists gaining access to
61 inflict harm to citizens of the towns and cities in the United States; and

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63 **WHEREAS**, the abolishment of ICE would weaken United States defenses against
64 terrorism and enable the hundreds of thousands of foreign nationals who illegally overstay a visa
65 each year to remain in the United States indefinitely and with impunity; and

66 **WHEREAS**, national security and law enforcement agencies have repeatedly identified
67 the entire United States border with Mexico as a major national security concern; and
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69 **WHEREAS**, a 2018 National Border Patrol Council survey, of more than 600 agents in
70 two of the Border Patrol's busiest sectors, resulted in 89 percent of line agents affirming a "wall
71 system in strategic locations is necessary to securing the border"; and
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73 **WHEREAS**, the United States of America takes in more legal immigrants than any
74 nation in the world. Those legal immigrants have overwhelmingly proven to be assets to the
75 communities they settle in, and Missourians welcome all races, religions, and creeds to our
76 beloved state who immigrate legally to mix with and to add to our great American melting pot;
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79 **WHEREAS**, existing federal immigration laws, ardently and equally enforced, honor the
80 rich tradition of immigration and the rule of law upon which the American Republic was
81 founded; and
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83 **WHEREAS**, it is the duty and responsibility of the federal government to protect
84 national borders and secure the sovereignty of the United States of America as well as to enforce
85 immigration and employment laws for the protection of American citizens; and
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87 **WHEREAS**, the enforcement of existing federal immigration laws, especially those
88 regarding national security, immigration, and employment are necessary for the preservation of
89 the sovereignty of this nation and the well-being of the American people:
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91 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
92 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
93 concurring therein, hereby commend and thank the brave men and women of the United States
94 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and encourage them to continue their diligent and
95 steadfast service to the citizens of our nation; and
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97 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly urges Congress
98 and the President of the United States to immediately provide for the security of our nation by
99 controlling and securing our national borders with appropriate legislation to fund the
100 construction of steel barriers and border control impediments along with the strengthening of
101 current border control infrastructure; and

102 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly urges Congress
103 and the President of the United States to immediately provide for the security of our nation
104 through the ardent and equal enforcement of our existing federal immigration laws; and

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106 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
107 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
108 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
109 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, all members of the Missouri congressional
110 delegation, and the Director of ICE.

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