SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOLL.

5706H.01I   DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to divorce with respect week.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

WHEREAS, choosing an out-of-court divorce process is widely understood to be a
2 better process for the children of the divorcing couple because it allows the divorcing parties
3 to co-parent and to end the marriage without destroying the family's relationships and
4 financial estate; and
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6 **WHEREAS,** collaborative divorce affords the couple more privacy in solving their
7 differences and is often less expensive and less time consuming than litigated cases; and
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9 **WHEREAS,** the collaborative divorce process is designed to allow the couple to
10 divorce in a more respectful and dignified manner as they work with lawyers, child
11 specialists, mental health professionals, and financial coaches to craft their own agreements;
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14 **WHEREAS,** the collaborative divorce process and the International Academy of
15 Collaborative Professionals were nominated for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize for transforming
16 the way families resolve conflict; and
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18 **WHEREAS,** collaborative divorce professionals throughout the state are joining
19 together to offer free divorce informational consultations during "Divorce with Respect
20 Week":
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22   **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
23 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
24 Senate concurring therein, hereby designate March 4-8, 2024, as "Divorce with Respect
25 Week"; and
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27   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizens of this state are encouraged to
28 participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about alternative divorce
29 options; and
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31   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
32 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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