

House Concurrent Resolution No. 96

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONWAY (104).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement officers,
3 emergency response personnel, Missouri Department of Public Safety workers, and Missouri
4 Department of Transportation workers spend many hours working on the roadsides throughout
5 the state to enforce traffic laws, respond to traffic incidents and emergencies, and to perform
6 routine roadside maintenance; and

7 **WHEREAS**, these troopers, officers, personnel, and workers have been struck by passing
8 vehicles while they were performing law enforcement business, emergency response, and
9 motorist assistance along the side of the roadway; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's "Move Over or Slow Down" law requires motorists to either
12 change lanes or slow down when approaching Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law
13 enforcement vehicles, emergency vehicles, and Department of Transportation and Department
14 of Public Safety emergency response or motorist assist vehicles stopped or parked on the side
15 of the road; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, by moving over and providing a safe space or slowing down for Missouri
18 Highway State Patrol and other law enforcement officers, emergency vehicles, and Department
19 of Transportation and Department of Public Safety emergency response or motorist assist
20 vehicles, passing motorists can help prevent injury or death to these individuals while they are
21 performing their official public duties on Missouri roadsides; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri State Highway Patrol is concerned with the safety of all law
24 enforcement officers, emergency response personnel, and Department of Transportation and
25 Department of Public Safety workers as they perform their official duties to the traveling public;
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28 **WHEREAS**, acknowledging Missouri's "Move Over or Slow Down" law serves as a
29 reminder to the motoring public that following this common sense law will provide safer
30 conditions for those whose work is often conducted along the side of the road:

31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
32 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
33 concurring therein, hereby declare May of each year to be "Move Over or Slow Down Awareness
34 Month" and encourage the citizens of this state to remember the "Move Over or Slow Down" law
35 when approaching a Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement vehicles,
36 emergency vehicles, and Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety
37 emergency response or motorist assist vehicles when displaying emergency lights or flashing
38 amber and white lights and parked or stopped on the side of the road.

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
42 Superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol, the Director the Department of Transportation,
43 and the Director of the Department of Public Safety.

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