

House Remonstrance No. 1

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the governor declared a state of emergency due to the
2 COVID-19 pandemic; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, based on the finding that COVID-19 continued to pose a serious health risk
5 to the citizens of the state of Missouri, the governor extended the state of emergency several
6 times; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2021, the governor announced that the state of emergency
9 would expire and not be renewed on December 31, 2021; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the governor's negligent and callous decision to allow the state of
12 emergency to expire appears based on the assumption that the COVID-19 pandemic is over,
13 despite clear and demonstrable evidence to the contrary; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, on the day the governor announced that he would allow the state of
16 emergency to expire without a renewal, Missouri saw its highest rate of hospitalizations since
17 January of last year, before vaccines were widely available; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, in rural parts of the state, citizens are dying at a rate of one every three
20 days. In urban areas of the state with mask mandates, the rate is lower, at one every five days,
21 but still alarming. These statistics represent human lives; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, elected leaders of the state are tasked with giving health care workers all
24 the necessary tools to save the lives of Missourians. With the expiration of the state of

25 emergency, the governor's administration has instead created unnecessary obstacles for health
26 care workers attempting to save lives; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the governor's decision to allow the state of emergency to expire was short-
29 sighted and uninformed, putting all Missourians at greater risk of losing more loved ones, or
30 their own lives, to this continuing pandemic; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2022, Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Chair Ashley
33 Bland Manlove released a statement in which she indicated that the Missouri Legislative Black
34 Caucus condemned the governor's decision to allow the state of emergency to expire:

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36 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
37 of Representatives, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby
38 remonstrate against Governor Michael L. Parson for his imprudent and inconsiderate decision
39 to allow the state of emergency to expire.

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