

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to designating every November as National American History and Founders Month

Whereas, as we approach our Nation's 250th anniversary in 2026, there is a clear need to empower Americans to be active citizens through greater understanding of our Nation's early history, its founders, and the civic duties within the American experience; and

Whereas, the period beginning with the onset of the American Revolution in 1775 through 1791 encapsulates the events and people responsible for establishing and shaping our country's future. The American Revolution (1775-1783) is one of the most defining events in modern history, both as the rebellion against Great Britain and as the creation of a self-governing and sovereign nation. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights will forever set our Nation apart from all others. Our electoral system, our three branches of government in the form of an elected President, an elected Congress, and an independent Supreme Court are well-established and sustaining. These have all set a long enduring, unique and remarkable precedent that many other nations over the past two centuries have sought to replicate; and

Whereas, the purpose of National American History and Founders Month is to create a tradition of educating and celebrating the founding history of our country for all Americans. Furthermore, while there are holidays celebrating key events, leaders, and groups responsible for creating and shaping our Nation, there is no official recognition or formal commemoration of our Nation's early history, its founders and its governmental system. This new recognition and focus offers all Americans an occasion to appreciate the struggle to create a new nation, the founders who pioneered how this new nation should be governed, and the civic duties of its citizens:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One-hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby proclaim each November as "National American History and Founders Month", and urge public officials at the state and local levels, educators in schools, colleges and universities, librarians, and all the people in the state of Missouri to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to reaffirm their devotion to the principles of freedom and the common history and heritage shared by all Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send a

properly inscribed copy of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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