

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has a rich and complex history; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Missourians are enriched by a broad and deep understanding of that history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri was formally admitted into the Union of the United States of America on August 10, 1821; and

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the bicentennial of the State of Missouri's admission into the Union; and

WHEREAS, commemorative events drawing attention to the passage of historical milestones offer significant opportunities for generating interest in documenting and celebrating the exceptionalism of a state's history; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly by statute (Chapter 183) authorized the State Historical Society of Missouri to act as a "trustee" of the state's history; and

WHEREAS, the State Historical Society of Missouri is responsible for collecting, preserving, and sharing the materials for the study of the history of Missouri and the heritage of Missourians; and

WHEREAS, since its creation in 1898, the State Historical Society of Missouri has become the premier institution for the study and celebration of Missouri state and local history and aspires to build the Center for Missouri Studies; and

WHEREAS, statewide commemorations require significant preparation and planning over multiple years:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby direct the State Historical Society of Missouri to develop plans, ideas, and proposals to commemorate and celebrate the State of Missouri's bicentennial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historical Society of Missouri ready itself to provide guidance and direction to a statewide effort to promote and celebrate the State of Missouri's rich and complex history through and beyond a bicentennial celebration in the year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the director of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

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