

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, Immigration policy is a federal issue between the U.S. government and other countries; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is best served by a free-market philosophy that maximizes individual freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Missouri residents acknowledge that legal immigrants play an important economic role as workers and taxpayers and, as such, Missouri's policies affecting legal immigrants must reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly state; and

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of successful communities and individuals and, as such, we oppose policies that unnecessarily separate families and champion policies that support families and improve the health, education, and the well-being of all Missouri children; and

WHEREAS, we respect the rule of law, support law enforcement's professional judgment and discretion, and encourage an enforcement strategy that focuses on public safety and targets serious crime; and

WHEREAS, Missourians must adopt an approach that recognizes the critical role legal immigration has played in our nation's history and celebrate the fact that legal immigrants are a large part of our communities; and

WHEREAS, such approach must reflect our history and culture of inclusion and welcome those legal immigrants who become fully participating members of our society:

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 urge the Missouri congressional delegation to lead efforts to strengthen federal laws and protect our national borders and further urge state leaders to adopt reasonable policies addressing immigrants in Missouri that improves our immigration system and keeps our communities safe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation and Governor Jay Nixon.

