

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 270

1 Whereas, the tenth amendment to the United States
2 Constitution reserves for the States or people all rights not
3 delegated to the federal government; and

4 Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not
5 delegate authority to the federal government to create
6 identification standards, nor to condition the full faith and
7 credit owed to a State's acts, records, and proceedings; and

8 Whereas, identification documents have traditionally and
9 historically been the province of the several States; and

10 Whereas, the REAL ID Act increases the administrative burden
11 on the States, and will result in increased expense for license
12 and identification card applicants, as well as extended waiting
13 and processing times; and

14 Whereas, history has shown that all governments, even our
15 own, present a hazard of overreach and tyranny; and

16 Whereas, in 2009, the Missouri General Assembly passed
17 legislation, signed by Governor Nixon, expressly forbidding the
18 state from cooperating with the REAL ID Act; and

19 Whereas, in 2013, the Missouri General Assembly passed
20 legislation, signed by Governor Nixon, clearly prohibiting the
21 Department of Revenue from retaining source documents as required
22 by the REAL ID Act; and

23 Whereas, in 2014, the people of Missouri passed Amendment 9

1 to ensure their personal privacy is not violated by our
2 government; and

3 Whereas, the people of Missouri have made it abundantly
4 clear that they value their privacy and refuse to sacrifice it
5 under the guise of security; and

6 Whereas, implementation of the REAL ID Act will put in place
7 a system that may further enable a surveillance state; and

8 Whereas, the brave men and women of our armed forces put
9 their lives on the line, and sometimes make the ultimate
10 sacrifice, to defend our freedom and liberty:

11 Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the
12 Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular
13 Session, hereby urge that the United States Congress repeal the
14 REAL ID Act of 2005; and

15 Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri
16 Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this
17 resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional
18 delegation.