

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Relating to approval of the Missouri Water Resources Plan.

Whereas, Missouri's thousands of miles of rivers, streams, and lakes, along with underground aquifers, supply our state's 6 million residents with critical water resources; and

Whereas, the water resources of the state of Missouri are essential to the well-being of its people, agriculture, industry, economy, and environment; and

Whereas, an understanding of the water resources of Missouri and planning for their development and use is essential to securing their benefits; and

Whereas, water planning is necessary to identify water supply needs, plan for future shortfalls in water supply, prepare for drought conditions, and properly implement strategies for resiliency; and

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources has gathered input from citizens and stakeholders to help identify water resource priorities, coordinated with the Interagency Task Force advisory group, and convened five technical workgroups to guide development of the water plan content; and

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources has completed an update of the Missouri Water Resources Plan according to Section 640.415 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri which requires the Department to develop, maintain, and periodically update the Missouri Water Resources Plan and submit the Plan to the General Assembly for approval:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby approve the Missouri Water Resources Plan and its implementation; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.