

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 41

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

Relating to the United States Department of Justice report regarding the Ferguson Police Department.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

2       **WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2014, Michael Brown was fatally shot by a member of the  
3 Ferguson Police Department sparking civil unrest, protests, riotous actions, and allegations of  
4 unlawful law enforcement practices; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ)  
6 opened an investigation of the Ferguson Police Department on September 4, 2014, as a result of  
7 such actions and allegations; and

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9       **WHEREAS**, the DOJ released its findings in a report dated March 4, 2015; and

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11       **WHEREAS**, in its report, the DOJ found that Ferguson law enforcement efforts are  
12 focused on generating revenue; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, the DOJ further found that Ferguson law enforcement practices violate the  
15 law and undermine community trust, especially among African Americans; and

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17       **WHEREAS**, the DOJ proposed changes necessary to remedy Ferguson's unlawful law  
18 enforcement practices and repair community trust; and

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20       **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has reviewed the DOJ report and findings:

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22       **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
23 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
24 concurring therein, hereby agree with the DOJ findings and recommendations; look forward to  
25 assisting law enforcement agencies and local governments with rectifying the issues identified  
26 in the report and implementing the DOJ's recommendations; and will work to ensure that all law  
27 enforcement officers are protecting and serving in a lawful and respectful manner.

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of

30 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the

31 Mayor of the City of Ferguson, the Ferguson City Council, and the Ferguson Police Department.

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