

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 52

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTS.

4074H.011

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

---

### AN ACT

Relating to the designation of Missouri No Smoking/No Tobacco Day.

---

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

2       **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 1987, the World Health Organization (WHO) passed a  
3 resolution calling for April 7, 1988, to be the first "World No Smoking Day", a date chosen  
4 because it was the 40th anniversary of the WHO; and

5       **WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1989, the World Health Organization passed a resolution  
6 calling for May 31st to be annually known as "World No Tobacco Day", which has been  
7 observed each year since 1989; and

8  
9       **WHEREAS**, medical research made it clear during the 1900s that tobacco use increased  
10 the likelihood of many illnesses, including heart attacks, strokes, chronic obstructive pulmonary  
11 disease (COPD), emphysema, and many forms of cancer; and

12  
13       **WHEREAS**, the aim of a no smoking/no tobacco day is to inform the public about the  
14 dangers of using tobacco and is a day for people, nongovernmental organizations, and  
15 governments to organize and conduct various activities to increase awareness about such  
16 dangers; and

17  
18       **WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of Missouri wish to send a message of global  
19 solidarity against smoking by observing a no smoking/no tobacco day to coincide with "World  
20 No Tobacco Day":

21  
22       **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
23 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
24 concurring therein, hereby designate May 31st each year to be "Missouri No Smoking/ No

25 Tobacco Day" to be held in conjunction with the "World No Tobacco Day" to increase awareness  
26 about the negative effects of tobacco use on our citizens, families, friends, and communities; and  
27

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizens of this state are encouraged to observe  
29 the day with appropriate events and activities aimed at preventing people from starting tobacco  
30 use and assisting those who currently use tobacco in learning not only how but why it is vitally  
31 important to stop their tobacco use; and

32

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
34 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

✓