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WHEREAS, the first positive case of COVID-19 in the State of Missouri was identified on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, since then, more than two thousand positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed across Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 and identification of additional cases in Missouri is likely to continue, which presents a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has authorized significant financial relief to state and local governments through the passage of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, with additional assistance likely in the near future; and

WHEREAS, in order to access such additional federal funding, the General Assembly must appropriate the funds; and

WHEREAS, the consideration and passage of House Bill 2014 (2020) to appropriate money for supplemental purposes for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2020, is essential for our state to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect the health and safety of members and employees of the Missouri House of Representatives, the House has not met in regular session since March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Missouri House of Representatives return for the limited purpose of considering the final passage of House Bill 2014 (2020) under specific precautions and guidelines in order to protect public health to the greatest extent possible:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby adopt the following guidelines for the limited purpose of conducting business on April 8, 2020:

(1) All individuals entering the State Capitol, including employees and members of the Missouri House of Representatives, shall have their temperature checked by temporal scan and shall answer screening questions. Only individuals who pass such screenings shall

be admitted;

(2) Individuals shall strive at all times to maintain social distancing of at least six feet. Access to elevators may be limited in order to maintain such social distancing;

(3) Employees of the Missouri House of Representatives required to report to the Capitol may be limited by the Chief Clerk;

(4) The Missouri House of Representatives shall only consider this House Resolution and House Bill 2014 and no other official business;

(5) Access to the House Chamber shall be limited so that no more than ten individuals are present on the House Floor at one time. Access shall be granted to the Speaker, Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader, Bill Sponsor, Ranking Minority Member of the Committee that reported the Bill, staff required to facilitate House Chamber operations, and other individuals granted permission by the Speaker;

(6) All proceedings of the Missouri House of Representatives on April 8, 2020, shall be streamed live online and available on the Missouri House website;

(7) Members wishing to inquire of another member or speak on legislation shall request to do so with the Speaker, who shall coordinate such floor debate with the Majority Floor Leader;

(8) In order to allow additional time for voting, the thirty-minute limit for roll call votes under House Rule 98 shall be suspended;

(9) Members who are not participating in debate shall be expected to remain in their offices, where they may listen to or watch such proceedings, until called to return to the House Chamber; and

(10) Members shall be called to the House Chamber to vote by district number, which shall be announced by the Speaker; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these guidelines shall only apply to proceedings on April 8, 2020, unless extended by a subsequent resolution adopted by the Missouri House of Representatives.

Introduced By: (Sponsor) _____ _____
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