

House Concurrent Resolution No. 66

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to updating of state department forms.

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

2 **WHEREAS**, the use of the terms “Oriental” when referring to persons of Asian descent
3 and “Indian” when referring to persons of Native American descent can be outdated and
4 pejorative; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to make clear that the terms “Asian” and “Native American”
6 are preferred as the modern and non-pejorative terms; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, state agency and department applications, forms, rules, and other literature
9 use the term “Oriental” or “Asian/Oriental” to describe people of Asian descent and “Indian” or
10 “American Indian” to describe people of Native American descent:

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12 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
13 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
14 concurring therein, hereby instruct all state agencies and departments to remove the term
15 “Oriental” as it refers to persons of Asian descent and “Indian” as it refers to persons of Native
16 American descent from all applications, forms, rules, and other literature by January 1, 2020;

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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
19 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for all chairs
20 and directors of state agencies and departments; and

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

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