**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLINES TO CONSENT TO AN EXTENSION OR RENEWAL OF THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY OR THE ISSUANCE OF ANY NEW COVID-19-RELATED STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, the Governor issued an initial state of emergency declaration on March 13, 2020, based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Section 25-1-440(a)(2) of the 1976 Code requires the consent of the General Assembly to extend a state of emergency declaration beyond a fifteen-day period; and

Whereas, rather than relying on the consent of the General Assembly for an extension, the Governor has issued new state of emergency declarations specifically related to COVID-19 every fifteen days since March; and

Whereas, the state of emergency declarations are having significant and long-lasting negative impacts on businesses and education around the State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the General Assembly declines to consent to an extension or renewal of the current COVID-19-related state of emergency or the issuance of any new COVID-19-related state of emergency without the express consent of the General Assembly.

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