

Introduced by McDavid Council Bill No. R 14-16

A RESOLUTION

recognizing the value of the University of Missouri to the economy of the City of Columbia, Missouri and expressing support for adequate funding of the University by the State of Missouri.

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri was established by the people of the State of Missouri in 1839 as a public land-grant research university dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri-Columbia is the flagship campus of the University of Missouri system, which also maintains campuses in Rolla, Kansas City and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri has students enrolled from every county in the State of Missouri, every state in the nation, and over 100 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri-Columbia is the largest employer in mid-Missouri with more than 13,000 full-time employees, which is critical to the economy of the local area including, but not limited to, the City of Columbia, the County of Boone and the surrounding counties of Cole, Moniteau, Cooper, Howard, Randolph, Audrain and Callaway; and

WHEREAS, with over 18,000 full time employees statewide, 2.5 million Missourians receiving services from the University of Missouri Extension in every county of the state, and a network of small business and technology development centers throughout the state, the University of Missouri system is an important financial component of the entire State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, recent advancements in many areas of research and development, such as nuclear medicine and improvements in nuclear power plant design, can and likely will have worldwide impact for generations of families if research and development activities at the University of Missouri are funded and continued; and

WHEREAS the economy of the state is inextricably tied to the continued viability and success of the University of Missouri.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council desires to express it's sincere and strong interest on behalf of the citizens of the City of Columbia in supporting the University of Missouri as a statewide institution and asset of all Missourians.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby requests that Missouri elected representatives recognize the enormous value of the University of Missouri and its essential educational and financial contributions to the State of Missouri by exercising their executive and legislative authority in such manner as to continue to adequately fund this important component of the economy of the great State of Missouri and cause no harm to the staff and students of the University of Missouri, nor the hard working families of the State of Missouri, served by the University.

ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor