

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize World Gratitude Day.

WHEREAS, observed annually on September 21, World Gratitude Day provides individuals and organizations in our society with the opportunity to celebrate the meaning of gratitude in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, World Gratitude Day was initiated in Hawaii in 1965, when an international gathering decided that it was an excellent idea to set aside one day per year to formally express gratitude and appreciation for the many wonderful things to be found in the world; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful gathering, the number of people celebrating World Gratitude Day has grown exponentially; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening fifty-five years, the benefits of setting aside time in one's life for gratitude, appreciation, and positive reflection have become readily apparent; and

WHEREAS, regardless of circumstances, each of us has much to be thankful for in life; no person, place, or occasion is too large or too small to acknowledge and appreciate on World Gratitude Day; and

WHEREAS, the English word "gratitude" comes from the Latin word *gratus*, which means thankful or pleasing; we are indeed thankful and pleased to recognize World Gratitude Day for its positive impact in helping Tennesseans become happier, more contented people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize September 21, 2020, as World Gratitude Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.