

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to amend the
2 Controlled Substances Act of 1970 to authorize the study of medical cannabis.

3 WHEREAS, the Controlled Substances Act was enacted by the 91st Congress and
4 became effective May 1, 1970; and

5 WHEREAS, Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals under the Controlled
6 Substances Act include controlled substances which have been found to have highly
7 addictive properties, no currently accepted medical use in the United States, and a lack of
8 accepted safety for use of the drug under medical supervision; and

9 WHEREAS, cannabis is listed as a Schedule I controlled substance under the
10 Controlled Substances Act, and there are no exceptions in federal law for cannabis used
11 for medicinal purposes, even if the use is sanctioned by state law; and

12 WHEREAS, an ongoing national debate as to the safety and medical application of
13 cannabis has led numerous states to approve the use of cannabis for treatment of certain
14 medical conditions; and

15 WHEREAS, early medical research suggests many therapeutic qualities are present
16 in cannabis and that it can potentially be used in the treatment of a variety of conditions;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, there is a significant lack of definitive, high-quality research on
19 cannabis due to the limitations placed on hospitals and universities as a result of the
20 Controlled Substances Act; and

21 WHEREAS, removing cannabis from Schedule I under federal law would result in
22 the drug being more available for research, while still keeping cannabis safely regulated;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the potential to be a leader in the
25 field of cannabis research with the General Assembly's passage of House Bill 604 during
26 the 2022 Regular Session, which established the Kentucky Center for Cannabis at the
27 University of Kentucky to advance the study of the use of cannabis and cannabis

1 derivatives for the treatment of certain medical conditions and diseases; and

2 WHEREAS, during the 2023 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed Senate
3 Bill 47, legalizing medicinal cannabis in the Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, the health of Kentucky's citizens is of paramount importance, and the
5 authority to research medical cannabis and to prescribe it as part of a physician-
6 supervised treatment plan would greatly improve the ability to provide care and treatment
7 to the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Christian teaching regards all plants as being made by God for human
9 food and health, with Psalm 104:14-15 stating "He causeth the grass to grow for the
10 cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And
11 wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread
12 which strengtheneth man's heart," and with Revelation 22:2 stating "on either side of the
13 river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit
14 every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations";

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
17 ***Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:***

18 ➔Section 1. The United States Congress is urged to amend the Controlled
19 Substances Act to remove cannabis from the list of Schedule I controlled substances.

20 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
21 Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority
22 Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky Congressional
23 delegation.