

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing September 17th as Constitution Day in the
2 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1787, 55 delegates from throughout the fledgling
4 United States, intent on erecting a government that would stand the test of time and
5 protect the hard-won freedoms secured during the Revolutionary War, gathered at the
6 Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, the document they produced – our Constitution – remains the bedrock
8 of our system of government, one rooted in equality under the law and an unyielding
9 commitment to individual liberty; and

10 WHEREAS, with profound wisdom, the framers of our Constitution divided
11 political power among three separate and coequal branches, and further between the
12 Federal and State governments, ensuring that a government of the people, by the people,
13 and for the people would remain accountable to its citizens, from whom all legitimate
14 political power is derived; and

15 WHEREAS, our Constitution outlines a government that encourages individuals to
16 flourish while still empowering the states to perform necessary functions like protecting
17 law and order and providing essential public goods; and

18 WHEREAS, this revolutionary concept has made and continues to make our nation
19 the most free and just society in the world; and

20 WHEREAS, our rights and liberties are rooted in the Constitution and its Bill of
21 Rights which gave birth to our great nation, and we, as Americans, enjoy our freedom
22 and rule of law through these cherished documents that our founding fathers created; and

23 WHEREAS, we recognize that each generation needs to renew the spirit of
24 America by upholding our constitutional system, honoring its framers and those who
25 have sacrificed to defend it, and embracing the duty we as citizens have to preserve the
26 society it has built; and

27 WHEREAS, Constitution Day was established to celebrate the United States

1 Constitution and its Bill of Rights and provides an opportunity for American citizens to
2 reaffirm the achievements of our founding fathers and recommit ourselves to preserving
3 the rights, privileges, and responsibilities our nation's founders secured for themselves
4 and for the posterity of future generations of Americans;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes September 17th as
9 Constitution Day to celebrate our representative republic system of government and the
10 central contributions of the Constitution to the freedom Americans are privileged to
11 enjoy.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative DJ Johnson.