1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Make America Healthy Again
2	Kentucky Task Force to explore ways to integrate the principles of the Make America
3	Healthy Again movement to improve health outcomes of Kentuckians.
4	WHEREAS, improving public health and reducing the prevalence of chronic
5	diseases are critical to the health and well-being of Kentucky citizens and to the state's
6	prosperity; and
7	WHEREAS, the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement promotes
8	health freedom by allowing individuals to make informed choices about their health care;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, the MAHA movement supports reducing the prevalence of chronic
11	diseases by improving lifestyle and dietary choices; and
12	WHEREAS, there is evidence that poor diet and lack of exercise contribute to the
13	high rates of chronic diseases in Kentucky; and
14	WHEREAS, approximately 74 percent of adults in the United States are overweight
15	or obese; and
16	WHEREAS, Kentucky has one of the highest adult obesity rates compared to other
17	states, with approximately 30 percent of adults classified as obese; and
18	WHEREAS, Kentucky has a childhood obesity rate of approximately 20 percent for
19	children between the ages of 10 and 17 years old; and
20	WHEREAS, in 2022, the leading cause of death in Kentucky was heart disease,
21	with an age-adjusted death rate of 216.3 per 100,000 residents, 23.3 percent higher than
22	the national average; and
23	WHEREAS, the MAHA movement advocates for increasing public access to
24	nutritious and unprocessed foods to promote a diet that supports good health; and
25	WHEREAS, the MAHA movement advocates for minimizing population exposure
26	to environmental toxins and pollutants that contribute to respiratory diseases, heart
27	disease, and other chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the MAHA movement calls for transparent, science-based health

- 2 policies and recommendations that are in the best interest of the public and are free from
- 3 undue corporate influence;
- 4 NOW, THEREFORE,
- 5 Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 6 Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:
- 7 → Section 1. The General Assembly supports the goals of the Make America
- 8 Healthy Again movement, and in doing so:
- 9 (1) Supports policies that increase access to clean, whole foods across Kentucky
- 10 to enhance nutrition and reduce diet-related diseases;
- 11 (2) Encourages access to local, fresh produce in schools, communities, and
- markets through initiatives like farmers' markets and farm-to-school programs;
- 13 (3) Encourages public health efforts to educate Kentuckians on healthy living,
- 14 good nutrition, and chronic disease prevention;
- 15 (4) Urges state and local health agencies to collaborate with schools and
- 16 community organizations to expand public health programs that focus on empowering
- individuals and families with knowledge on how to manage their own health through
- 18 good nutrition, regular physical activity, and avoidance of harmful substances;
- 19 (5) Urges legislative and regulatory updates to align agricultural and health
- 20 policies, including:
- 21 (a) Creating incentives for the production and consumption of nutritious foods in
- 22 Kentucky;
- 23 (b) Encouraging Kentuckians to make healthy food choices, including reducing
- 24 reliance on highly processed, high-sugar products, through education and policy
- 25 incentives; and
- 26 (c) Addressing environmental health risks to improve overall public health
- 27 outcomes;

1 (6) Recognizes the role of immunity as a factor in public health policy alongside 2 other preventive measures; and

- 3 (7) Encourages state health officials to consider evidence of immunity from prior 4 illness as part of broader health guidelines and emergency response plans.
- 5 → Section 2. (1) The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the 6 Make America Healthy Again Kentucky Task Force.
- 7 (2) The duties of the task force shall include but are not limited to:
- 8 (a) Exploring ways that Kentucky can integrate the MAHA movement principles 9 into state laws, policies, and programs to improve the overall health of Kentuckians; and
- 10 (b) Reviewing strategies that Kentucky may use to improve health outcomes 11 through:
- 1. Encouraging dietary and lifestyle changes;
- 2. Expanding public awareness efforts on healthy nutrition and lifestyles;
- 14 3. Reducing public exposure to environmental toxins; and
- 15 4. Increasing public awareness and input into state health policies.
- Section 3. The Make America Healthy Again Kentucky Task Force shall be composed of the following members with final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission:
- 19 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of 20 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the 21 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force;
- 22 (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of 23 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force;
- 24 (3) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor 25 Leader of the House; and
- 26 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the 27 Senate.

1 → Section 4. The Make America Healthy Again Kentucky Task Force shall at a 2 minimum meet monthly during the 2025 Interim of the General Assembly and shall 3 submit recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislative Research Commission 4 for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children by December 1, 5 2025. 6 → Section 5. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the 7 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the 8 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to 9 designate a study completion date. 10 → Section 6. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this 11 Resolution to the Governor, each member of Kentucky's Congressional delegation, and 12 the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Commissioner of the 13 Kentucky Department of Agriculture, and the commissioner of the Kentucky Department 14 of Education, for review and consideration in advancing the goals of the Make America 15 Healthy Again movement to make Kentucky healthy again.