

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION calling upon Attorney General Andy Beshear to
2 defend all laws enacted by the legislature.

3 WHEREAS, Constitutional officers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, along with
4 members of the General Assembly, solemnly swear an oath to "support the Constitution
5 of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth"; and

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution of both the United States and the Commonwealth of
7 Kentucky clearly delineate that the Legislative Branch enacts laws, the Executive Branch
8 enforces laws, and the Judicial Branch interprets laws; and

9 WHEREAS, the various Constitutional officers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
10 are elected to execute their Constitutional responsibility in good faith, whether they
11 personally agree with the laws they are called upon to abide by and enforce or not; and

12 WHEREAS, the Attorney General acts as Kentucky's chief prosecutor, chief law
13 enforcement officer, and chief law officer, and therefore sets an example that every
14 prosecutor, law enforcement officer, and officer of the law is expected to follow; and

15 WHEREAS, the Attorney General is constitutionally obligated to defend laws
16 enacted by the Kentucky legislature; and

17 WHEREAS, Attorney General Andy Beshear has preemptively announced his
18 intention not to support or defend recently enacted Kentucky laws; and

19 WHEREAS, attorneys throughout the Commonwealth are ethically obligated to
20 zealously assert their client's position, regardless of personal intuition or prejudice
21 regarding the likely outcome of a given case;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky calls
26 upon Attorney General Andy Beshear to fulfill the oath of office into which he entered,
27 without prejudice and without bias, and to defend all laws enacted by the legislature.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
- 2 Resolution and notification of its adoption to Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear.