

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to the 2020 United States Census.

2 WHEREAS, the decennial census, a once in a decade count of every person living
3 in the United States, is required under Article I, Section 2 of the United States
4 Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, the census is essential to representative government, because data
6 gathered under the census are used to determine how many members each state is
7 allocated in the United States House of Representatives as well as how Congressional
8 districts, state legislative districts, city council districts, and school board districts are
9 determined; and

10 WHEREAS, the census is designed and intended to count all residents of the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, billions of dollars of federal funding for vital services such as highway
13 construction, low-income energy assistance, maternal and child health programs, food
14 assistance, and many other programs are allocated to states and communities based upon
15 census data; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Government Accountability Office includes the
17 census on its list of "high risk" government programs; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau has planned to use technological
19 innovations to implement the 2020 Census, but has yet to assure the use of those
20 innovations by 2020; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2017 the Census Bureau, due to a lack of adequate funding,
22 cancelled census field tests designed to ensure population counting strategies work; and

23 WHEREAS, population growth and inflation tend to increase census costs over
24 time, as do recent trends concerning fewer persons responding to mailed census forms;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in October 2017, United States Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross
27 informed a committee of the United States House of Representatives that the 2020

1 Census will cost \$3.3 billion more than earlier estimates; and

2 WHEREAS, there is a need for personnel to promote and educate the public with
3 regard to the significance of the census to communities in the Commonwealth of
4 Kentucky and across the United States, and in some instances, local governments are
5 calling on citizens to assist the United States Census Bureau in implementing the census
6 and assuring that states and communities are allocated the resources they need;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly hereby declares that the 2020
11 United States Census must be properly funded to ensure fair political representation and
12 allocation of federal resources for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the entire United
13 States.

14 ➔Section 2. The Kentucky General Assembly encourages the Kentucky League of
15 Cities, the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, and the Kentucky Association
16 of Counties, to urge their members to foster local government participation by publicizing
17 the importance of the census and emphasizing the need for public participation in an
18 effort to supplement federal efforts to implement the 2020 United States Census.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
20 copy of this Concurrent Resolution to each member of the Kentucky Congressional
21 delegation; Jonathan Steiner, Executive Director/CEO, Kentucky League of Cities, 100
22 East Vine Street, Suite 800, Lexington, Kentucky 40507; Vince Lang, Executive Director,
23 Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, 115 East Second Street, Frankfort,
24 Kentucky 40601; and Brian Roy, Executive Director/CEO, Kentucky Association of
25 Counties, 400 Englewood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.