

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION recommending the creation of WINGS.

2 WHEREAS, Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders,  
3 otherwise known as WINGS, is an innovative movement to improve adult guardianship;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, WINGS is a court-community partnership that drives changes  
6 affecting the ways courts and guardians practice; and

7 WHEREAS, WINGS is broad-based and multi-disciplinary, including judges and  
8 court staff, the aging and disability networks, the public and private bar, mental health  
9 agencies, advocacy groups, medical and mental health professionals, service providers,  
10 and family members and individuals affected by guardianship; and

11 WHEREAS, WINGS is a consensus-driven, problem-solving mechanism that offers  
12 a forum for considering how adult guardianship is working in the state, where pressure  
13 points exist, and possible solutions; and

14 WHEREAS, the creation of WINGS by all states was a core recommendation of the  
15 2011 Third National Guardian Summit, sponsored by the ten National Guardianship  
16 Network organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court  
18 Administrators have urged implementation of WINGS; and

19 WHEREAS, over 20 states have already created WINGS or similar guardianship  
20 stakeholder partnerships;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. (1) The General Assembly recommends that the Cabinet for  
24 Health and Family Services and the Administrative Office of the Courts create a pilot  
25 Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders, or WINGS, to  
26 examine how Kentucky's adult guardianship is working and to identify needed changes.

27 (2) If created, the General Assembly recommends that the pilot WINGS exist for

1 at least two years and include one or more of the following partners:

2 (a) Judges and court staff;

3 (b) Aging and disability networks;

4 (c) Public and private bar;

5 (d) Mental health agencies;

6 (e) Advocacy groups;

7 (f) Medical and mental health professionals;

8 (g) Service providers; or

9 (h) Family members and individuals affected by guardianship.

10 (3) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in conjunction with the  
11 Administrative Office of the Courts, shall report annually any needed adult guardianship  
12 changes identified by the pilot WINGS to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary by  
13 January 1 of each year the pilot is in operation.