

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION recognizing April 29, 2022, as Kasey Keeney Day and  
2 April as Veterans' Health Awareness Month.

3           WHEREAS, the General Assembly values our citizens who are current and former  
4 members of the Armed Forces of the United States and recognizes the importance of  
5 ensuring proper treatment for a wide variety of health issues, regardless of whether the  
6 health issues are a result of their service; and

7           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky values the brave men and women  
8 who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and the General Assembly  
9 supports and encourages the best available treatment for our veterans in gratitude for their  
10 service; and

11           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs works every day to  
12 make sure Kentucky's 295,000 veterans and their families receive all the benefits and  
13 services they have earned; and

14           WHEREAS, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the  
15 Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs assists veterans in obtaining basic and  
16 specialty medical care for physical and behavioral health needs; and

17           WHEREAS, veterans, their families, and healthcare providers are not always aware  
18 of the benefits and services provided by the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
19 veterans and their families; and

20           WHEREAS, there are not statewide policies currently in place connecting a  
21 hospitalized veteran and the veteran's family with the Kentucky Department of Veterans'  
22 Affairs; and

23           WHEREAS, Kentucky veteran Kasey Keeney is a prime example of someone who  
24 has benefited from post-hospitalization services provided through the Kentucky  
25 Department of Veterans' Affairs, following a tragic accident in April 2020 which left Mr.  
26 Keeney paralyzed and in need of continued services following his receipt of world-class  
27 care provided by, and his discharge from, the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler

1 Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly hereby recognizes April 29, 2022, as Kasey  
5 Keeney Day and the month of April as Veterans' Health Awareness Month. This body  
6 heartily congratulates Mr. Keeney for showing great resolve in seeking treatment and  
7 sharing his story to encourage veterans in Kentucky and educate them on healthcare  
8 available to them so that veterans are not left behind.

9 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly strongly encourages the Kentucky Hospital  
10 Association and the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs to work together to  
11 establish a process to connect hospitalized veterans and their families to services and  
12 benefits available to them following a discharge from a hospital.