

CHAPTER 44**(SCR 61)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Cabinet for Health Services to continue support for the administration of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council and to implement wherever possible the Council's recommendations.

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council was authorized by Senate Bill 227 of the 2000 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council has worked under the oversight of the Cabinet for Health Services and has met to consider the issues impacting persons with HIV or AIDS and their families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of HIV and AIDS continues to increase and affects both rural and urban areas in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council is diverse and consists of persons with HIV or AIDS, health care workers, community-based caregivers, and state agency employees; and

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council has made recommendations to the Cabinet for Health Services and the General Assembly, but these recommendations have not yet been implemented; and

WHEREAS, the need for ongoing advice remains critical for a full and accurate assessment of the impact of HIV and AIDS in Kentucky and for the treatment and care of all persons affected;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The General Assembly applauds the tireless dedication and commitment of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council and urges the Council to continue to assist all Kentuckians with recommendations for the best services, care, and treatment relating to of HIV and AIDS.

Section 2. The General Assembly urges the Cabinet for Health Services to continue to provide for the administration of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council as authorized by 2000 Ky. Acts ch. 432 (SB 227) and KRS 214.640, and to implement the Council's recommendations as appropriate for the needs and health care of all Kentuckians.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to Marcia Morgan, Secretary, Cabinet for Health Services, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; and Ardis Hoven, M.D., Chairperson, HIV/AIDS Advisory Council, Cabinet for Health Services, Department for Public Health, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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