

CHAPTER 163**(SJR 228)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION recognizing the Kentucky Mesonet as the official source of climatological observations for the state.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Climate Center has been located at Western Kentucky University since 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Climate Center was recognized as the State Climate Office for Kentucky in 2002; and

WHEREAS, federal funding has been provided for the establishment of a statewide weather monitoring network; and

WHEREAS, the statewide monitoring network shall be known as recognized as the Kentucky Mesonet; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Mesonet shall be under the direction of the state climatologist at Western Kentucky University in accordance with a memorandum of understanding among Western Kentucky University, the National Weather Service, and the National Climatic Data Center; and

WHEREAS, Western Kentucky University shall have the authority to enter into partnerships with other Kentucky institutions of higher education and with local, state, and federal government agencies to assist in the operation and maintenance of the Kentucky Mesonet;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Kentucky Mesonet is hereby recognized as the official source of climatological observations for the state.

Approved April 5, 2006.