

CHAPTER 22**(SJR 150)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION terminating the declaration of emergency regarding the SARS-CoV-2 virus and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed 2020 Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency regarding the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency declared by Governor Andy Beshear regarding the SARS-CoV-2 virus has lasted two years; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is empowered to terminate declarations of emergency by joint resolution by KRS 39A.090(4);

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The declaration of emergency regarding the SARS-CoV-2 virus in 2020 Executive Order 2020-215, as extended by 2021 Ky. Acts ch. 168; 2021 (1st Extra. Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 1; and 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 4, is terminated effective on Monday, March 7, 2022, or on the effective date of this Resolution, whichever is later.

➔Section 2. All subsequent executive orders, emergency administrative regulations, suspensions of statutes, and other directives which rely upon the declaration of emergency in 2020 Executive Order 2020-215 are also terminated effective on Monday, March 7, 2022, or on the effective date of this Resolution, whichever is later.

➔Section 3. Upon the expiration of a SARS-CoV-2-related executive order, other directive, or administrative regulation declaring an emergency or other implementation of powers under KRS Chapter 39A, the Governor shall not declare a new SARS-CoV-2-related emergency or continue to implement any of the powers under KRS Chapter 39A based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances as the original declaration or implementation without the prior approval of the General Assembly.

➔Section 4. It is not the intention of the General Assembly that this Resolution should impair or delay the ability of the Commonwealth to receive any federal stimulus or pandemic-related funds or services.

➔Section 5. Whereas there are more effective vaccinations, treatments, and health and safety protocols available today to address the virus than were available in March 2020 and the compelling interests of the public good and benefits to the Commonwealth of terminating the declaration of emergency far outweigh the negative impacts of remaining in a state of emergency for longer than two years, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Resolution takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Veto Overridden and Signed by Secretary of State March 22, 2022.