

AN ACT relating to designation of the National Day of the Cowboy.

WHEREAS, the National Day of the Cowboy is celebrated annually to preserve the memory of the pioneering men and women, numerous of them Kentuckians, who played integral roles in the establishment of America's western frontiers; and

WHEREAS, the image of the cowboy, that of honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and determination, transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character. The cowboy also is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures, who strives to preserve and perpetuate the unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon, occupying a central place in the public's imagination; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy, working more than 655,000 farms and ranches throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy organization continues to expand nationally and internationally;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The fourth Saturday in July of each year is designated as National Day of the Cowboy in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.