

A RESOLUTION supporting the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 187 UN member nations agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, although women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, much more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate discrimination based on gender to achieve one of the most basic human rights, equality; and

WHEREAS, with the knowledge that girls and women make up over half of the population of this state, with a desire to ensure that these women and girls enjoy all the rights and privileges that are bestowed on all people in the United States, no matter race, national origin, gender, or religious belief, and with a purpose to claim worldwide that Kentucky is a state within which women can thrive and a place that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls or violence perpetuated against them in any form, by any hand; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender; and

WHEREAS, states have an appropriate and legitimate role affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, promoting the health and safety of women and girls,

and affording them equal academic, economic, and business opportunities in the Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. This Resolution is the first step toward adopting a future law to call for a gender analysis of all statewide cabinets, departments, divisions, and commissions, the designation of an oversight body, and resources to support these actions.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Mary Lou Marzian.