

A RESOLUTION encouraging all state government entities to use their purchasing power to support and encourage the growth of Kentucky's agricultural economy by selecting Kentucky-grown and Kentucky Proud agricultural products.

WHEREAS, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kentucky is home to 76,500 farms which produce a variety of products, from horses and beef cattle to tobacco and corn; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's total value of cash receipts for Kentucky commodities is estimated to be \$5.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Proud Program is administered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and is the official state marketing program for agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Proud Program is funded through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Since its inception, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board has awarded \$15.8 million to the Kentucky Proud Program; and

WHEREAS, consumers purchase local food products in order to obtain the freshest, most nutritious food possible, strengthen the local economy, provide a means of income for Kentucky farm families, and reduce the miles food has traveled from farm to plate; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 13, requiring the Department of Parks to establish a program, in conjunction with the Kentucky Proud Program, promoting the sale of Kentucky-grown agricultural products in state resort park restaurants, gift shops, concessions, and golf courses; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly encourages all entities of state government to use their purchasing power to support and encourage the growth of Kentucky's agricultural economy by selecting Kentucky-grown and Kentucky Proud products;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

*Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

→Section 1. This honorable body does hereby request that all entities of state government utilize their purchasing power to support Kentucky's agricultural economy by selecting Kentucky-grown and Kentucky Proud products.