

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 24, 2016, as Kentucky Registered Dietitian Day.

WHEREAS, more than 1200 individuals in Kentucky are registered dietitians, optimizing the public's health through food and nutrition by translating the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living; and

WHEREAS, by working in a number of areas including community and public health, food and nutrition management, inpatient clinical nutrition, long-term care, consultation and business, and education and research, registered dietitians advance the nutritional health of all Kentuckians; and

WHEREAS, 49 percent of consumers say the main reason to consult a registered dietitian is to be healthier and eat better, validating that registered dietitians in Kentucky are the true source of trusted, accurate, and timely nutrition advice; and

WHEREAS, registered dietitians receive extensive training that combines academic preparation with hands-on, practical patient experience, including a minimum of an accredited bachelor's degree; participation in a competitive, accredited, supervised practice program involving a minimum of 1200 hours of direct patient interaction; and passing a national registration exam; and

WHEREAS, 93 percent of physicians refer to registered dietitians on an aided basis and three in four adults refer to dietitians as being "very credible" nutrition and health experts; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Licensure and Certification for Dietitians and Nutritionists protects the public by setting standards for quality dietetic and nutrition services, ensuring that all licensed dietitians and nutritionists meet the educational and practical requirements specified in law;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. This honorable body recognizes March 24, 2016, to be Kentucky Registered Dietitian Day.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb for delivery.