

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging local governments to designate areas for the safe
2 conduct of Internet-initiated transactions.

3 WHEREAS, the Internet has been a transformative technology since its common
4 propagation in the early 1990s, bringing forth a marketplace of information,
5 entertainment, and commerce in a scope never before seen; and

6 WHEREAS, the proliferation of computing technology as expressed in affordable
7 home computers as well as smartphone technologies has made Internet access imminently
8 accessible and portable; and

9 WHEREAS, with this transformative technology, humans, being gregarious by
10 nature, have created social Web sites and marketplaces in which they can connect with
11 each other to barter and conduct other transactions for goods and services; and

12 WHEREAS, with the legions of good-faith transactions that are conducted via the
13 Internet and in-person using the Internet as a conduit that occur regularly, a percentage of
14 these interactions are initiated by persons with ill intent to commit larceny or otherwise
15 physically injure the other party involved in the transaction at the point of sale; and

16 WHEREAS, while many persons attempt to conduct the transactions in public areas
17 or areas otherwise thought to mitigate the potentiality of criminal behavior, not all of
18 these attempts are successful, and people are robbed, injured, or even killed by persons
19 with ill intentions; and

20 WHEREAS, in response to these crimes, many cities are designating areas, many of
21 which are proximate to police stations--either in police station parking lots or the actual
22 police station itself--where people may arrange to meet to conduct the transaction in a
23 location intended to dissuade criminal behavior and increase the surety of a safe
24 transaction;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. In the interest of mitigating the chances of criminal behavior and
2 increasing personal safety when conducting in-person transactions facilitated by Internet
3 Web sites, local governments are hereby encouraged to designate areas within their
4 respective jurisdictions, which may be known as "E-Commerce Safety Zones," that are
5 designed to promote personal safety for the conduct of these in-person transactions and to
6 make these designated areas easily accessible for the conduct of said transactions