

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Sunshine Week.

2 WHEREAS, James Madison, the father of our federal Constitution, wrote that  
3 "consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the  
4 power which knowledge gives"; and

5 WHEREAS, every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right to  
6 access government meetings and public records; and

7 WHEREAS, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and  
8 maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's  
9 ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, the protection of every person's right of access to public records and  
11 government meetings is a high priority in the House of Representatives; and

12 WHEREAS, this body is committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of  
13 its operations and seeks to set a standard in this regard;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

17 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky House of Representatives commits during this  
18 Sunshine Week, commemorating the anniversary of James Madison's birth, and  
19 throughout the year to work diligently to enhance the public's access to government  
20 records and information; to increase information provided electronically and online; and  
21 to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction, and their  
22 committees, are fully noticed and open to the public.

23 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
24 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jill York.