

1 A RESOLUTION to date House of Representatives resolutions and House of
2 Representatives legislative citations in the Year of our Lord.

3 WHEREAS, for hundreds of years, prominent universities such as Harvard, which
4 was founded in 1636, and Princeton, which was founded in 1746, have dated their
5 diplomas in the Year of our Lord; and

6 WHEREAS, John Hanson, President of the Continental Congress, issued a
7 Proclamation on October 11, 1782, proclaiming November 28, 1782, as a national day of
8 Thanksgiving and signed it in the Year of our Lord; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, Article 7, states, "done in Convention
10 by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the
11 Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence
12 of the United States of America the Twelfth. In witness whereof we have hereunto
13 subscribed our Names"; and

14 WHEREAS, Kentucky's 1891 Constitution was dated in the Year of our Lord; and

15 WHEREAS, Massachusetts Governor John Hancock issued a Proclamation on Oct.
16 28, 1784, setting forth Nov. 25, 1784, as a national day of Thanksgiving and signed it in
17 the Year of our Lord; and

18 WHEREAS, ordained by the United States in Congress assembled, the Northwest
19 Ordinance was signed July 13, 1787, in the Year of our Lord; and

20 WHEREAS, Governor John Hancock of Massachusetts issued a Proclamation on
21 Oct. 5, 1791, to set Nov. 17, 1791, as a national day of Thanksgiving and dated it in the
22 Year of our Lord; and

23 WHEREAS, on Sept. 24, 1807, President Thomas Jefferson signed an official
24 presidential document giving permission for a ship "Herschel" to proceed on its journey
25 to the Port of London and dated it in the Year of our Lord Christ; and

26 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation
27 freeing slaves in the United States of America, dated January 1, 1863, in the Year of our

1 Lord; and

2 WHEREAS, President William H. Taft issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation on
3 Nov. 15, 1909, making Nov. 25, 1909, the day to observe national Thanksgiving, and
4 dated it in the Year of our Lord; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin signs all proclamations, including his
6 December 19, 2016, proclamation declaring 2017 to be the Year of the Bible in
7 Kentucky, in the Year of our Lord;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives shall follow the lofty example set in
12 the United States Constitution and other significant founding documents by including "in
13 the Year of our Lord" in the adopted date of all House of Representatives simple
14 resolutions that are put on parchment at the direction of the Clerk.

15 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives shall include "in the Year of our Lord"
16 in the date of all House of Representatives floor citations.

17 ➔Section 3. The House of Representatives shall work with the Legislative
18 Research Commission to include "in the Year of our Lord" on all other House of
19 Representatives citations throughout the year.