

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Frankfort, Kentucky, on the occasion of its 20th
2 anniversary as a Tree City USA.

3 WHEREAS, Tree City USA is a program celebrating the importance of an urban
4 tree canopy and improving the care of vital city trees; and

5 WHEREAS, Frankfort, Kentucky, is one of 39 communities in Kentucky to be
6 awarded the Tree City USA distinction; and

7 WHEREAS, Tree City USA is a nationally recognized program that began in 1976
8 and is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, the United States Forest Service, and the
9 National Association of State Foresters; and

10 WHEREAS, to achieve Tree City USA status, four core standards must be met of
11 sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a
12 community tree ordinance, spending at least two dollars per capita on urban forestry, and
13 celebrating Arbor Day; and

14 WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of topsoil; cut heating and cooling costs;
15 moderate temperatures; clean the air; produce life-giving oxygen; provide habitat for
16 wildlife; and serve as a renewable resource providing paper, wood, fuel, and beauty; and

17 WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first declared in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day set
18 aside for the planting of trees; and

19 WHEREAS, Kentucky celebrated its first Arbor Day in 1896; and

20 WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now celebrated around the nation and the world; and

21 WHEREAS, Arbor Day also marks the city of Frankfort's 20th year as a Tree City
22 USA;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
25 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives commend and support
27 the city of Frankfort in its 20th year as a Tree City USA member.

1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
2 copy of this Resolution to Mayor William May, City of Frankfort, 100 Mill Creek Park,
3 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.