

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to
2 identify American Revolutionary War and Civil War battlefield preservation needs,
3 suggest a long-term funding strategy to preserve historic battlefields, and submit a report
4 to the Legislative Research Commission on its findings.

5 WHEREAS, because of the efforts of early citizen soldiers, the United States of
6 America is the world's oldest and most successful democratic republic; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky was the site of numerous battles during the American
8 Revolutionary War and the Civil War, many of which played a significant role in the
9 outcome of major military campaigns and the course of these wars; and

10 WHEREAS, the battles of the American Revolutionary War and the Civil War
11 shaped who we are today, and by preserving these battlegrounds as outdoor classrooms,
12 we provide educational opportunities that can serve as a foundation for good citizenship
13 and the development of leaders for tomorrow; and

14 WHEREAS, preserving these hallowed battlefields provides the opportunity to tell
15 the American story, where ordinary citizens displayed extraordinary valor; and

16 WHEREAS, the preservation of these battlefields is important to ensure their
17 integrity in perpetuity so that future citizens and visitors can experience the landscapes as
18 our soldiers saw it; and

19 WHEREAS, the preservation of these battlefields provides civic pride,
20 opportunities for education, commemorative events, and tourism opportunities across the
21 Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, it has been shown that visitors to historic sites spend more money and
23 stay longer than other tourist subgroups; and

24 WHEREAS, visitors to Kentucky's battlefields stimulate local economies while
25 enjoying the rich historical, cultural, and natural resources, thereby generating jobs and
26 economic activity;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet is requested to collaborate
3 with the Kentucky Civil War Sites Association and the Civil War Trust to identify
4 historically significant Civil War heritage tourism sites in Kentucky.

5 ➔Section 2. The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet is requested to participate in
6 a stakeholder meeting which includes representatives from the Kentucky Civil War Sites
7 Association, the Civil War Trust, the Kentucky Travel Industry Association, the
8 Department of Tourism, the Kentucky Heritage Council, the Kentucky Historical Society,
9 and local battlefield support groups in Kentucky suggesting ways to preserve these
10 heritage tourism sites.

11 ➔Section 3. The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet shall provide feedback to a
12 report submitted by the Civil War Sites Association and the Civil War Trust on or before
13 December 3, 2018, to the Interim Joint Committee on Tourism, Small Business, and
14 Information Technology.