

1 AN ACT relating to Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita.

2 WHEREAS, it is the custom of this legislative body to recognize official days that
3 are set aside to increase awareness of serious health conditions that affect the lives of
4 citizens of Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, commonly known as AMC, is a
6 rare condition that occurs in utero where there are multiple congenital joint contractures,
7 or multiple joints that are stuck in one position with little or no flexibility, resulting in
8 low muscle tone; and

9 WHEREAS, joints commonly affected by AMC include joints in the hands, fingers,
10 feet, toes, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, and even the spine and jaw; and

11 WHEREAS, AMC occurs in approximately one in every 3,000 live births in the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the cause of AMC is not fully known at this time but may be, in part,
14 due to an unborn baby not moving properly in the uterus; and

15 WHEREAS, while there is no known cure for AMC, therapy and treatments
16 including physical therapy, multiple castings, splinting, bracing, and various surgical
17 interventions can help to improve an individual's level of independence and quality of
18 life; and

19 WHEREAS, despite the fact that there is no known cure for AMC, a majority of
20 children diagnosed with AMC grow up to lead successful and independent lives; and

21 WHEREAS, on June 30 families across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and nation
22 will be wearing the color blue to increase awareness for AMC and honor those affected
23 by the disorder; and

24 WHEREAS, more than 25 states recognize June 30 as Arthrogryposis Multiplex
25 Congenita Awareness Day;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO
2 READ AS FOLLOWS:

3 *The thirtieth day of June of each year is designated and shall be observed in Kentucky*
4 *as "Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day."*