

1 A RESOLUTION proclaiming January 31, 2018, to be Disability Awareness Day in
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, more than 874,000 Kentuckians over the age of five have a disability
4 which impairs their ability to work or to carry out tasks of daily living; and

5 WHEREAS, all barriers to services, whether they are physical, regulatory, financial,
6 or attitudinal, should be eliminated; and

7 WHEREAS, the individual, and his or her circle of support, need to be informed so
8 that they can exercise their freedom to make choices and to direct their own care; and

9 WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities should be given the education and
10 opportunity to gain and maintain employment and to become taxpayers; and

11 WHEREAS, no individual should be criminalized or discriminated against because
12 of his or her disability; and

13 WHEREAS, all persons, including educational, medical, and judicial systems
14 personnel, need to be educated about disabilities; and

15 WHEREAS, all persons with disabilities matter, and should be afforded the
16 opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
19 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
21 does hereby proclaim January 31, 2018, to be Disability Awareness Day in Kentucky in
22 order to promote an increased awareness of disabilities and a reduction of the stigma
23 often associated with them.