

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of becoming an age-friendly
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, the shift in demographics towards an aging population taking place
4 worldwide is having a profound effect on the quality of life of individuals, families, and
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the International Federation of Aging,
7 AARP, and various nations, states, and local municipalities have made efforts to prepare
8 communities for the impact of aging and the benefits of becoming age-friendly
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky currently ranks sixth nationally in
11 percentage of aging population; and

12 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes the financial, emotional,
13 and collective toll this is taking on Kentucky families and communities; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a growing need for assistance as we age, and the valuable role
15 elders have played, and continue to play, as family caregivers, primary providers for their
16 grandchildren, and local volunteers; and

17 WHEREAS, 41.5 percent of Kentucky households are composed of
18 multigenerational families with grandparents raising their grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, 92 percent of older adult caregivers are not receiving social security
20 and 85 percent do not receive any type of monetary assistance or support; and

21 WHEREAS, 45 percent of caregivers reported having more health disparities than
22 non-caregivers; and

23 WHEREAS, the need for caregiving is proportionally higher in rural areas due to
24 the out-migration of younger individuals;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
27 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives recognize the
2 importance of working towards becoming an age-friendly Kentucky by:

- 3 (1) Promoting policies that make Kentucky cities and towns friendlier to the aging
4 population, a focus which can benefit other demographics in the state;
- 5 (2) Encouraging cities and towns to take part in the age-friendly movement;
- 6 (3) Honoring the right of every individual to be treated with dignity and respect
7 regardless of age, ability, station, or income; and
- 8 (4) Protecting the safety and well-being of older people to live out their lives without
9 having to make a choice between food or medication, or fear of becoming isolated
10 or alone.

11 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
12 copy of this Resolution to Timothy Feeley, Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet for Health
13 and Family Services at 275 E. Main Street, 5 W-A. Frankfort, Kentucky 40621.