

1 A RESOLUTION recommending that the General Assembly pass legislation to
2 address the regulation of illegal firearms and ammunition by consolidated local
3 governments.

4 WHEREAS, the right to legal and safe firearm ownership for the purposes of self-
5 defense and recreation is protected; and

6 WHEREAS, illegal firearms, specifically, have resulted in a significant increase in
7 violent crimes, shooting-related fatalities, gun trafficking, and the illegal market for guns
8 in Louisville Metro in recent years; and

9 WHEREAS, the most recent data collected and published by Louisville Metro
10 Police Department reveals that there were 124 criminal homicides in Louisville Metro in
11 2016, the most since 1971 when there were 110 criminal homicides; and

12 WHEREAS, the most recent data collected and published by Louisville Metro
13 Police Department reveals that there were 100 shooting-related fatalities in Louisville
14 Metro in 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, the most recent data collected and published by Louisville Metro
16 Police Department reveals that there were also 397 nonfatal shooting victims in 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, Jefferson County had the most criminal homicides, shooting-related
18 fatalities, and nonfatal shooting victims of any Kentucky county in 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, illegal and violent gun offenders are more likely to be arrested for
20 homicide than other felons; and

21 WHEREAS, illegal and violent gun offenders' future crimes also tend to be more
22 serious ones; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2012, the General Assembly enacted legislation that amended KRS
24 65.870, which restricts cities and counties from having local firearms ordinances, to
25 expand the units of government and public agencies covered, expand limitations on local
26 action, and provide that parties may sue to enjoin violations;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly is urged to amend KRS 65.870 to give
4 consolidated local governments the power to regulate illegal firearms and ammunition
5 within their territories or jurisdictions, as follows:

- 6 (1) Require any sale of firearms or ammunition within the territory of the consolidated
7 local government to be transacted utilizing responsible business practices to track
8 inventory and discourage the purchase of firearms or ammunition by prohibited persons,
9 and with security measures in place to deter the theft or loss of firearms;
- 10 (2) Require gun owners who work or reside within the territory of the consolidated
11 local government to report any lost or stolen firearms to local law enforcement within a
12 prescribed amount of time following discovery of the loss or theft; and
- 13 (3) Provide for consolidated local government funding for gun violence intervention
14 programs within the territory of the consolidated local government.