

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2018, as Refugee and Immigrant Day at the
2 Capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky is a welcoming state that celebrates the growing diversity of
4 its residents and acknowledges that refugees, immigrants, and all newcomers are vital
5 contributors to the success of our communities, local economies, and shared future; and

6 WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants come to Kentucky with the promise of
7 freedom, hope, and opportunity in a new country and enhance our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, community and faith-based organizations throughout the
9 Commonwealth continue to welcome refugees and immigrants arriving in Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants,
11 adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, we believe all individuals—regardless of their national origin or
13 faith—deserve to live with dignity, fair and equal treatment, and the means to support
14 their families in safe and vibrant communities; and

15 WHEREAS, all persons, including those new to our Commonwealth, should be
16 afforded the opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby proclaims March 7, 2018, as the fifth annual
21 Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol in Kentucky in order to affirm the beauty and
22 richness of our diversity, and one in which all are welcomed, accepted, and appreciated.

23 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
24 Resolution to Maria B. Koerner, Assistant Director, Kentucky Office for Refugees,
25 Catholic Charities of Louisville, 2222 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40212.