

1 A RESOLUTION commending and supporting the President of the United States
2 and his decision to secure our borders by declaring a national emergency, and
3 commending and thanking the men and women of the United States Immigration and
4 Customs Enforcement.

5 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has recognized a great threat to our
6 nation and to national security, and declared a national emergency to defend against that
7 threat; and

8 WHEREAS, the national security interests of the United States are dependent on the
9 brave men and women who enforce our Nation's immigration laws; and

10 WHEREAS, any call to abolish the United States Immigration and Customs
11 Enforcement (ICE) is an insult to the heroic law enforcement officers who make
12 sacrifices every day to secure our borders, enforce our laws, and protect our safety and
13 security; and

14 WHEREAS, the abolishment of ICE would mean open and uncontrolled borders
15 through elimination of the main agency responsible for expelling people who enter or
16 remain in our country unlawfully; and

17 WHEREAS, unsecured borders and the abolishment of ICE would permit
18 dangerous criminal aliens, including violent and ruthless members of the MS-13 gang, to
19 enter and remain in American communities; and

20 WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2018, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations
21 (ERO) arrested more than 138,000 aliens with a history of criminal convictions or current
22 charges; and

23 WHEREAS, ICE made 5,872 arrests and removals of known or suspected gang
24 members in fiscal year 2018; and

25 WHEREAS, criminal aliens arrested by ICE ERO in fiscal year 2018 were
26 responsible for more than 76,000 dangerous drug offenses, (B) 50,000 assault offenses,
27 (C) 11,000 weapon offenses (D) 5,000 sexual assault offenses, (E) 2,000 kidnapping

1 offenses, and (F) 2,000 homicide offenses; and

2 WHEREAS, the abolishment of ICE would allow countless illegal aliens who pose
3 a threat to public safety to roam freely on American soil with no fear of deportation; and

4 WHEREAS, ICE plays a critical role in combating the drug crisis facing our nation,
5 and its abolishment would mean more dangerous illegal drugs would flow into our
6 communities, causing more Americans to suffer needlessly; and

7 WHEREAS, the abolishment of ICE would cause our communities even more
8 devastation from the free flow of these drugs; and

9 WHEREAS, the abolishment of ICE would eliminate the agency that deports aliens
10 who pose a terrorist threat to the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, ICE was created in 2003 to protect national security and public safety
12 after the revelation of how the 9/11 terrorists exploited immigration laws to gain entry
13 into the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, ICE is one of the first lines of defense against terrorists gaining access
15 to inflict harm on citizens of the towns and cities in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the abolishment of ICE would weaken United States defenses against
17 terrorism and enable the hundreds of thousands of foreign nationals who illegally
18 overstay a visa each year to remain in the United States indefinitely and with impunity;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, national security and law enforcement agencies have repeatedly
21 identified the entire United States border with Mexico as a major national security
22 concern; and

23 WHEREAS, a 2018 National Border Patrol Council survey, of more than 600
24 agents in two of the Border Patrol's busiest sectors, resulted in 89 percent of line agents
25 affirming a "wall system in strategic locations is necessary to securing the border"; and

26 WHEREAS, the United States of America takes in more legal immigrants than any
27 nation in the world. Those legal immigrants have overwhelmingly proven to be assets to

1 the communities they settle in, and Kentuckians welcome all races, religions, and creeds
2 to our beloved state who immigrate legally to Kentucky to mix with and to add to our
3 great American melting pot; and

4 WHEREAS, existing federal immigration laws are ardently and equally enforced
5 and honor the rich tradition of immigration and the rule of law upon which the American
6 Republic was founded; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the federal government to protect
8 national borders and secure the sovereignty of the United States of America as well as to
9 enforce immigration and employment laws for the protection of American citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, the enforcement of existing federal immigration laws, especially those
11 regarding national security, immigration, and employment are necessary for the
12 preservation of the sovereignty of this nation and the well-being of the American people;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has rightfully recognized that border
15 security is of the utmost importance to the freedom and safety of the American people,
16 and has taken ardent action to preserve that freedom and safety;

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 commends and thanks the President of
21 the United States for declaring a national emergency and taking bold action to protect our
22 borders and the citizens of the United States of America.

23 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives commends and thanks the brave men
24 and women of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and encourages
25 them to continue their diligent and steadfast service to the citizens of our nation.

26 ➔Section 3. The House of Representatives urges Congress to immediately
27 provide for the security of our nation by controlling and securing our national borders

1 with appropriate legislation to fund the construction of steel barriers and border control
2 impediments along with the strengthening of current border control infrastructure.

3 ➔Section 4. The House of Representatives urges Congress and the President of
4 the United States to immediately provide for the security of our nation through the ardent
5 and equal enforcement of our existing federal immigration laws.

6 ➔Section 5. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
8 the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Kentucky
9 Congressional delegation.