

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2019 as National Beef Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, beef is the second most popular meat in the United States, as
3 Americans eat an average of roughly 57 pounds of beef each year; and

4 WHEREAS, beef production is a multibillion dollar industry in the United States,
5 as America produces an estimated 12 million metric tons of beef each year, which
6 represents nearly 20 percent of the world's beef; and

7 WHEREAS, cattle production is important to the economy of the Commonwealth,
8 as Kentucky is home to more than 2 million cattle and calves, and is the largest beef cattle
9 state east of the Mississippi River; and

10 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to approximately 38,000 farms that produce beef
11 cattle; and

12 WHEREAS, Kentucky beef cattle sales, including calves, totaled over \$740 million
13 in 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, leaders of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and the Kentucky
15 Beef Council work diligently on behalf of beef producers across the Commonwealth to
16 promote beef consumption, serve as a resource for information to further educate
17 producers, and develop programs that help farmers produce more beef and increase
18 profitability; and

19 WHEREAS, beef is a great source of ten essential nutrients that support a heart-
20 healthy lifestyle, including protein, zinc, iron, and B vitamins, which provide our bodies
21 with the strength to thrive and grow throughout all stages of life; and

22 WHEREAS, high-quality, natural, fresh ground beef that is entirely raised,
23 processed, and packaged in Kentucky, packaged with the label of Kentucky Cattlemen's
24 Ground Beef, is now available at select Kroger stores across the Commonwealth and
25 southern Indiana;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of
3 May 2019 as National Beef Month and commends all those cattle farmers, ranchers, and
4 all other agribusiness members involved in beef production across the Commonwealth.

5 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit
6 copies of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed and to the Kentucky
7 Cattlemen's Association and Kentucky Beef Council, 176 Pasadena Drive, Lexington,
8 Kentucky 40503.