

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing October 2019 as National Pork Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, pork is the most consumed animal protein in the world, and one of the
3 most popular meats in the United States, as Americans eat an average of over 50 pounds
4 of pork each year; and

5 WHEREAS, pork production is a multibillion dollar industry in the United States,
6 as America produces nearly 12 million metric tons of pork each year, which represents
7 roughly 30 percent of the world's pork; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 60,000 pork producers nationwide market more than 115
9 million hogs annually, which provide a total gross income to farmers and producers of
10 more than \$20 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, pork is a valuable component to the Commonwealth's economy, as
12 Kentucky is home to more than 1,200 farms that house roughly 400,000 hogs that garner
13 over \$110 million in sales each year; and

14 WHEREAS, the pork industry employs nearly 6,000 people across the
15 Commonwealth, generating approximately \$220 million in personal income to
16 Kentuckians; and

17 WHEREAS, lean, nutrient-rich pork is a versatile, affordable, and accessible animal
18 protein option for consumers to achieve a healthy and balanced diet; and

19 WHEREAS, pork is both a good source of protein and also provides several
20 important vitamins and minerals, including, among others, thiamin, selenium, niacin,
21 vitamin B6, and phosphorus; and

22 WHEREAS, leaders of the Kentucky Pork Producers Association work diligently
23 on behalf of pork producers to influence and affect the internal and external factors
24 relating to pork production on the farm. This mission includes marketing the live hog,
25 processing the product, and merchandising the product to the consumer in ethical ways in
26 order to enhance the producers' opportunity for profit;

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 House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of
4 October 2019 as National Pork Month and commends all pig farmers, processors, and
5 other agribusiness members involved in pork production across the Commonwealth for
6 their hard work and dedication.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed and to the Kentucky Pork
9 Producers Association, 1110 Hawkins Drive, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701.