

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky Chapter of the National Action Network
2 and its work with the National Action Network.

3 WHEREAS, the National Action Network was founded in 1994 and is a leading
4 civil rights organization with chapters across the United States. Following the spirit and
5 tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the National Action Network promotes a modern
6 civil rights agenda that fights for a single standard for justice, decency, and equal
7 opportunities for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, citizenship, criminal
8 record, economic status, gender, gender expression, and sexuality; and

9 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Chapter of the National Action Network was established
10 in 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Action Network supports criminal justice reform and
12 believes that the right to equal justice under the law should not be conditional or based
13 upon a person's color or economic status. Utilizing principles of non-violent direct action
14 and civil disobedience, the National Action Network has helped level the field and ensure
15 a measure of justice for those who would abuse their status or seek to dispense justice
16 based upon race or other illegal factors; and

17 WHEREAS, the National Action Network supports police accountability, working
18 at the forefront in the fight for accountability and advocating locally and nationally; and

19 WHEREAS, the National Action Network supports crisis intake and victim
20 assistance, leading the fight against police misconduct and other injustice by ensuring that
21 those whose rights are violated are brought to justice; and

22 WHEREAS, the National Action Network supports voting rights, working to ensure
23 that every vote in every community across the nation is actually counted. As Dr. King
24 said in 1965 in Montgomery, Alabama, "The Civil Rights Act of 1964 gave Negroes
25 some part of their rightful dignity, but without the vote it was dignity without strength";
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the National Action Network supports corporate responsibility and

1 pension diversity, making corporate responsibility, inclusion, and diversity and important
2 part of its platform;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate honor the Kentucky Chapter of the
7 National Action Network and its work with the National Action Network, and encourage
8 all people to support criminal justice reform, police accountability, crisis intake and
9 victim assistance, voting rights, and corporate responsibility and pension diversity.

10 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the
11 Kentucky Chapter of the National Action Network.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit two copies of this
13 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal for delivery.