

1           A RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Kentucky Main  
2 Street Program.

3           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Main Street Program was created in 1979 by the  
4 Kentucky Heritage Council to help communities preserve the buildings and economic  
5 vitality of the Commonwealth's downtowns. The program has a four-point approach that  
6 focuses on organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring; and

7           WHEREAS, the goal of the Kentucky Main Street Program is to encourage  
8 downtown revitalization and economic development within the context of historic  
9 preservation, and has successfully helped communities reverse the economic decline of  
10 their downtown districts; and

11           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Main Street Program utilizes a grassroots, community-  
12 driven, comprehensive methodology developed by the National Trust for Historic  
13 Preservation, emphasizing good community design, effective promotion, sustainable  
14 organization, and economic vitality; and

15           WHEREAS, participation in the Kentucky Main Street Program increases the tax  
16 base of communities by converting unoccupied or underutilized buildings into revenue-  
17 producing businesses, creates jobs, increases employment tax revenue, increases  
18 downtown property values, increases sales tax revenues from both new business and  
19 restoration and renovation construction materials, keeps dollars circulating locally that  
20 might have been spent elsewhere, and promises downtown as an attractive, active place  
21 that serves as the hub of community life and re-establishes downtown as the "heart" of the  
22 community; and

23           WHEREAS, an economically healthy, attractive downtown attracts new businesses,  
24 industries, and residents; instills pride and commitment in the community; enhances  
25 quality of life; and increases heritage tourism; and

26           WHEREAS, this honorable body commemorates the 40th anniversary of the  
27 Kentucky Main Street Program, and duly thanks the Kentucky Heritage Council for all

1 they have done to help Kentucky's downtowns flourish;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby honor the work of the Kentucky Main Street  
6 Program and its significant economic impact throughout the Commonwealth, and  
7 commends all involved with the program upon its 40th anniversary.

8 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the  
9 Kentucky Main Street Program.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
11 Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb for delivery.