

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging local governments in Kentucky to
2 partner and establish the support of school-based outreach programs and nonprofit
3 community-based organizations in order to localize census efforts.

4 WHEREAS, Census Day is April 1, 2020, and Kentucky needs to ensure a
5 maximum response rate; and

6 WHEREAS, census data help determine not only how many seats each state will
7 have in the U.S. House of Representatives but are also necessary for the accurate and fair
8 redistricting of state legislative districts, city council districts, school board districts, and
9 voting precincts; and

10 WHEREAS, population totals affect federal funding of various programs, not only
11 to the state but also to local communities; and

12 WHEREAS, data collected during the census help decision makers know how
13 communities are changing; and

14 WHEREAS, local governments need to work with local partners to reach hard-to-
15 count populations in Kentucky and to impress upon them the importance of the census;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, local governments are aware of new businesses and housing
18 developments which could be missed in the canvassing for the census; and

19 WHEREAS, local governments should partner and establish the support of school-
20 based outreach programs and nonprofit community-based organizations to ensure every
21 Kentuckian is counted; and

22 WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected
23 by law; and

24 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, Governor Matthew G. Bevin issued Executive
25 Order 2018-183 establishing the Kentucky Complete Count Task Force to develop an
26 action plan for maximizing responses to the census; and

27 WHEREAS, according to the Census Bureau, more than 120 entities in Kentucky,

1 including universities, cities, and counties have formed locally based Complete Count
2 Committees;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
5 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

6 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky urges
7 local governments throughout Kentucky to continue establishing local Complete Count
8 Committees and to partner with school-based outreach programs and nonprofit
9 community-based organizations to localize census efforts.

10 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky further
11 urges all local governments, leaders, media, and stakeholders, including citizens of
12 Kentucky, to fully prepare and participate in the 2020 Census.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
14 Resolution and notification of its adoption to the Kentucky Association of Counties, 400
15 Englewood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; the Kentucky League of Cities, 100 East
16 Vine Street, Suite 800, Lexington, Kentucky 40507; and Governor Andy Beshear, State
17 Capitol, Room 100, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.