

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to fully implement the Adam
2 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

3 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least
4 one in seven children in the United States has experienced child abuse or neglect in the
5 past year; and

6 WHEREAS, children who are abused or neglected may suffer immediate physical
7 injuries such as cuts, bruises, or broken bones, as well as emotional and psychological
8 problems, such as impaired socio-emotional skills or anxiety; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
10 1,770 children in the U.S. died from abuse and neglect in 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, KRS 620.051 requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to
12 establish a central registry and a process for a background check of the cabinet's child
13 abuse and neglect records; and

14 WHEREAS, federal law requires state child protective services agencies to
15 maintain records of the reports of suspected child abuse and neglect that they receive; and

16 WHEREAS, the establishment of an interstate registry of child abuse and neglect is
17 mandated by Section 633 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly declares that child abuse and neglect is a
22 matter of public safety which could be better prevented by integrated registries between
23 the states, and it is fitting and proper that it be an urgent priority to keep children safe and
24 to prevent problems before they occur by implementing a national registry of
25 substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect.

26 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky does
27 hereby respectfully urge the 116th Congress of the United States to fully implement 34

1 U.S.C. sec. 20990, which is known as the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act
2 of 2006. Specifically, the General Assembly encourages the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, to create a national registry
4 of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect.