

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing September 13, 2020, as World Sepsis Day and
2 September as Sepsis Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, sepsis is the body's extreme reaction to infection, which can result in
4 life-threatening symptoms, such as multiple organ failure; and

5 WHEREAS, sepsis takes more lives than opioid overdoses, breast cancer, and
6 prostate cancer combined; and

7 WHEREAS, sepsis has been named as the most expansive in-patient cost in
8 American hospitals, with one report stating the costs were \$24 billion in 2014 at an
9 average of \$18,000 per hospital stay. With over 1.5 million sepsis hospital stays per year
10 in subsequent years, the cost has risen to well over \$27 billion per year; and

11 WHEREAS, on average, 30 percent of patients diagnosed with severe sepsis do not
12 survive, with those surviving at risk of limb amputations and other permanent major
13 organ dysfunction. Up to 50 percent of survivors suffer from post-sepsis syndrome; and

14 WHEREAS, post-sepsis syndrome is a major cause of morbidity, resulting in
15 significant disability with symptoms including lethargy, poor mobility, muscle weakness,
16 breathlessness, chest pain, swollen limbs, joint and muscle pain, anxiety, depression,
17 insomnia, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

18 WHEREAS, annually more than 1.5 million people get sepsis in the United States;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, sepsis is one of the most deadly conditions in the United States, with
21 about 250,000 fatalities annually; and

22 WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of sepsis readmissions amount to more than
23 \$3.5 billion in the United States, compared to \$7 billion for the four conditions (AMI,
24 CHF, COPD, and pneumonia) targeted by the CMS Hospital Readmissions Reduction
25 Program, which accounts for a significant under-recognized burden on the healthcare
26 system;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize September 13, 2020, as
4 World Sepsis Day and the month of September as Sepsis Awareness Month, and heartily
5 welcome those advocates who are visiting the Capitol on this day, including Mr. Darrell
6 Raikes, who is a two-time sepsis survivor and a tireless voice for timely sepsis
7 recognition and treatment.

8 ➔Section 2. The Senate recognizes and supports the Kentucky Hospital
9 Association in the creation of a statewide quality improvement consortium with the goal
10 of reducing the incidence of, and the harm from, sepsis through education and quality
11 improvement coaching for Kentucky hospitals and their communities.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.