

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing September 2021 as National Chicken Month in  
2 Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, the United States has the largest broiler chicken industry in the world,  
4 with over 16 percent of production exported to other countries; and

5           WHEREAS, chickens and chicken eggs are the largest agricultural commodity in  
6 Kentucky, with a total industry value of an estimated \$1.2 billion; and

7           WHEREAS, Kentucky produces over 300 million broiler chickens and over 1  
8 billion eggs every year; and

9           WHEREAS, the poultry industry in Kentucky directly accounts for approximately  
10 7,000 industry employees and pays out over \$315 million in direct job wages, while  
11 sustaining an additional 20,000 jobs in the supply and ancillary industries; and

12           WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to over 850 large scale poultry farms and 3,200  
13 poultry houses in 49 counties, and the industry continues to grow across the  
14 Commonwealth; and

15           WHEREAS, the average Kentucky poultry farm is owned and managed by a family  
16 farmer and consists of less than five poultry houses; and

17           WHEREAS, Kentucky's poultry industry is the largest buyer of Kentucky-grown  
18 corn and soybeans, which in most years totals approximately 25% of both the Kentucky-  
19 grown corn and soybean harvests; and

20           WHEREAS, Americans buy more chicken than any other protein source, as per  
21 capita consumption of chicken is approximately 98 pounds each year; and

22           WHEREAS, chicken has more than 10 essential nutrients that benefit eaters of all  
23 ages, and provides as much as 31 grams of high-quality complete protein per serving;

24           NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27           ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of

1 September 2021 as National Chicken Month and commends all chicken farmers,  
2 processors, and other agribusiness members involved in chicken production across the  
3 Commonwealth for their hard work and dedication.

4       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed and to the Kentucky Poultry  
6 Federation, 2248 University Station, Murray, Kentucky 42071.