

1 A RESOLUTION declaring March 11, 2021, as Social Determinants of Addiction
2 Recovery Day.

3 WHEREAS, almost every family in the Commonwealth is either directly or
4 indirectly affected by addiction; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2019, 1,316 Kentuckians died from drug overdoses, the leading
6 cause of accidental deaths in Kentucky, with the largest deaths occurring in the 35-44 age
7 group; and

8 WHEREAS, the economic and societal costs of addiction include strained health
9 care, child welfare, social service, correctional, and judicial systems, as well as significant
10 loss in workforce productivity; and

11 WHEREAS, addiction should be recognized as a disease in order to encourage
12 treatment and reduce fear and stigma; and

13 WHEREAS, recovery is a long-term process that requires a supportive community
14 and access to necessary resources; and

15 WHEREAS, achieving and sustaining successful recovery shall incorporate a
16 wholeness approach to overall personal well-being; and

17 WHEREAS, addiction cannot be solved by government alone; and

18 WHEREAS, a strategy for addressing this epidemic is for public and private
19 partnerships to provide individualized, comprehensive, long-term supports that focus on
20 vital components of addiction recovery including: effective and accessible health care to
21 treat physical, mental, and behavioral health; employment and educational opportunities;
22 safe and affordable housing; transportation for treatment and to support recovery; and
23 childcare to encourage workforce participation and stop the cycle of addiction;

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 recognizes that successful recovery from addiction

1 includes multi-faceted assistance and support from both public and private agencies and
2 community initiatives.

3 ➔Section 2. The House commends faith-based and other community partners who
4 are engaged in the battle against the scourge of alcohol and drug addiction in our
5 communities and declares March 11, 2021, as Social Determinants of Addiction
6 Recovery Awareness Day.