

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION asking the Congress of the United States to
2 address the issue of state identity sharing for identity verification funding.

3 WHEREAS, the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information
4 Systems (NAPHSIS) is a national nonprofit organization that represents state vital records
5 and public health statistics offices in the United States, and is composed of more than 250
6 public health professionals from each state, territory, New York City, and the District of
7 Columbia; and

8 WHEREAS, NAPHSIS operates three programs - Electronic Verification of Vital
9 Events (EVVE), Fact of Death (FOD), and States and Territorial Exchange of Vital
10 Events (STEVE) - that can verify birth certificates, ensure drivers' licenses and U.S.
11 passports are not issued to persons using illegitimate forms of identification, and, without
12 encroaching upon each person's constitutional rights, verify each applicant's identity and
13 that they are U.S. citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, NAPHSIS needs \$50 million in funding to work with states and
15 territories so that software can be developed and used to digitize birth certificates and
16 death certificates dating back at least 70 years; and

17 WHEREAS, the report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the
18 United States, which is also known as the 9/11 Commission, emphasized the importance
19 of knowing a person's identity and knowing whether they are a citizen of the United
20 States before issuing a drivers' license; and

21 WHEREAS, since the approval of the Real ID Act in 2005, states, territories, and
22 the federal government have spent up to \$20 billion to verify birth certificates, but most
23 are still not being verified; and

24 WHEREAS, EVVE does not require a centralized database of birth certificates, nor
25 does it require the actual birth certificates to be shared or transmitted in any way among
26 states, territories, or the federal government; and

27 WHEREAS, there is a lack of confidence among many U.S. citizens concerning the

1 election process because forms of identification are not adequately verified and resources
2 such as FOD and STEVE are not being fully utilized;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The Commonwealth of Kentucky supports federal action regarding
7 state data sharing for identity verification funding.

8 ➔Section 2. Members of the Congress of the United States are urged to enact
9 federal legislation addressing the issue of state identity sharing for identity verification
10 funding.

11 ➔Section 3. Upon approval by the General Assembly, copies of this Resolution
12 shall be presented to each member of the Kentucky Congressional delegation, as well as
13 to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the U.S.
14 House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Minority Leader of
15 the U.S. Senate, and to the Office of the President of the United States.