

1 A RESOLUTION urging parties involved in the search warrant process to support
2 the adoption of the consensus recommendations of the Search Warrant Task Force
3 established by Attorney General Daniel Cameron.

4 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2021, Attorney General Daniel Cameron issued OAG
5 Executive Order 2021-05 creating the Search Warrant Task Force to examine the process
6 for securing, reviewing, and serving search warrants in the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, in creating the Search Warrant Task Force the Attorney General
8 sought to convene stakeholders involved in the search warrant process and to provide a
9 public forum in which they, along with the citizens of the Commonwealth, could discuss
10 and debate in a transparent manner how to make the search warrant process safer and
11 more effective for all individuals involved; and

12 WHEREAS, the membership of the Search Warrant Task Force included members
13 of the general public as well as legislators, law enforcement representatives, prosecutors,
14 the Public Advocate, local officials, representatives of the NAACP, and members of the
15 judiciary; and

16 WHEREAS, three committees were formed within the Search Warrant Task Force
17 including a Securing Committee to examine the process for obtaining search warrants, a
18 Reviewing Committee to examine how and by whom search warrants are evaluated and
19 approved, and a Serving Committee to examine how the service of search warrants could
20 be made safer and more effective for everyone involved; and

21 WHEREAS, the Search Warrant Task Force met eight times at locations throughout
22 the state with all meetings open to the public and the press, livestreamed on the Attorney
23 General's official YouTube channel, and later archived on the Attorney General's Web
24 site with links to the agendas, minutes, and committee minutes; and

25 WHEREAS, the Search Warrant Task Force invited public comments and each
26 meeting included a designated time for comments; and

27 WHEREAS, the Search Warrant Task Force heard reports from the Securing

1 Committee, the Reviewing Committee, and the Serving Committee, in addition to
2 presentations from several legal scholars regarding the history of warrants and how other
3 states utilize the warrant process; and

4 WHEREAS, at the final meeting of the Search Warrant Task Force on December 9,
5 2021, the members approved a report that included final recommendations of the Task
6 Force; and

7 WHEREAS, the report of the Search Warrant Task Force was published with eight
8 recommendations that will bolster public safety and improve overall confidence in the
9 search warrant process;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
12 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

13 ➔Section 1. This august body commends the dedication and work of the Search
14 Warrant Task Force and recommends the implementation of the recommendations of the
15 Task Force set forth in its December 2021 report by all parties involved in the search
16 warrant process.

17 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to forward a
18 copy of this Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear and Attorney General Daniel
19 Cameron.