

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 4, 2022, as PFAS Chemical Awareness Day
2 in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals, also known as PFAS
4 chemicals, are a group of manufactured chemicals which have been used in industrial and
5 consumer products since the 1940s; and

6 WHEREAS, thousands of PFAS chemicals are known to have been developed, and
7 because of their usefulness, are contained in everyday consumer products and
8 manufacturing processes, including but not limited to fire extinguishing foam, food
9 packaging, household products, and personal care products; and

10 WHEREAS, the longevity of PFAS chemicals leads to accumulations in people,
11 animals, and the environment over time, which increases the risk of harmful effects for
12 adults, children, and animals; and

13 WHEREAS, working in occupations such as firefighting or chemical manufacturing
14 and processing, consuming water or food contaminated with PFAS chemicals, or using
15 products made with PFAS chemicals or products packaged with materials containing
16 PFAS chemicals may increase the risk of exposure and bioaccumulation over time; and

17 WHEREAS, children may be at risk of higher exposure to PFAS chemicals because
18 they drink more water, eat more food, and breathe more air per pound of body weight
19 than adults; and

20 WHEREAS, research being conducted to measure the harmful effects of exposure
21 to PFAS chemicals has shown that it may lead to decreased fertility, developmental
22 effects or delays in children, increased risk of some cancers, reduced capability of the
23 immune system to fight infections, and interference with natural hormones; and

24 WHEREAS, the prevalence of thousands of known PFAS chemicals make it
25 difficult to determine additional health effects;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize March 4, 2022,
3 as PFAS Chemical Awareness Day in Kentucky.