

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to establish the Kentucky Natural Disaster and
2 Tornado Relief and Response Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, in 2021, a potent storm system moved across the central United States
4 on December 10th through the 11th and resulted in widespread severe weather; and

5 WHEREAS, numerous tornadoes occurred with storms that traveled through
6 Kentucky, including a significantly long-track tornado that devastated Mayfield,
7 Kentucky; and

8 WHEREAS, the most destructive tornado began near Woodland Mills, Tennessee,
9 and stayed on the ground all the way to Falls of Rough, Kentucky, which equated to a
10 distance of 165.7 miles, and is the longest continuous tornado track on record in the
11 Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, as of February 21, 2022, the death toll in the Commonwealth
13 attributed to the severe December storms is eighty Kentuckians;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

17 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Kentucky
18 Natural Disaster and Tornado Relief and Response Task Force to study the
19 Commonwealth's and the federal government's emergency preparedness, response, and
20 restoration efforts, and to make recommendations to increase emergency preparedness,
21 response, and enhance restoration efforts.

22 ➔Section 2. The duties of the Kentucky Natural Disaster and Tornado Relief and
23 Response Task Force shall include but are not limited to:

24 (1) Reviewing the meteorological research and data to determine the climatic
25 factors that created the conditions for such a powerful and anomalous December storm;

26 (2) Reviewing the Commonwealth's and local governmental entities' emergency
27 preparedness for extreme weather events and natural disasters;

1 (3) Reviewing public entities and businesses in the steps taken to protect
2 employees and patrons during extreme weather events and natural disasters;

3 (4) Reviewing research to identify best practices and effective interventions for
4 improving the quality and safety of the Commonwealth and its citizens during extreme
5 weather events and natural disasters;

6 (5) Analyzing the economic effects of extreme weather events, natural disasters,
7 and the impact on the Commonwealth;

8 (6) Reviewing the executive, legislative, and judicial branch of the
9 Commonwealth's emergency preparedness, response, and restoration efforts to extreme
10 weather events and natural disasters;

11 (7) Promoting future preparedness, response, and restoration efforts to extreme
12 weather events and natural disasters;

13 (8) Reviewing structural building codes and how to improve for 21st century
14 emergency preparedness for extreme weather events and natural disasters; and

15 (9) Making recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission and any
16 relevant executive branch agency for how to improve preparedness, response, and
17 restoration efforts to extreme weather events and natural disasters.

18 ➔Section 3. The Kentucky Natural Disaster and Tornado Relief and Response
19 Task Force shall be composed of the following members, with final membership of the
20 task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research
21 Commission:

22 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the
24 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force, and one additional member
25 appointed by the Minority Floor Leader; and

26 (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of
27 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force,

1 and one additional member appointed by the Minority Floor Leader.

2 ➔Section 4. The Kentucky Natural Disaster and Tornado Relief and Response
3 Task Force shall meet monthly during the 2022 Interim of the General Assembly. The
4 task force shall submit findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research
5 Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 1,
6 2022.

7 ➔Section 5. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
8 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
9 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
10 designate a study completion date.