

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky State University.

2 WHEREAS, on May 18, 1886, the Kentucky General Assembly authorized the
3 creation of the State Normal School for Colored Persons to be located in Frankfort,
4 Kentucky. The Commonwealth recognized the need to train African American teachers
5 for employment in Black elementary schools; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1887, Recitation Hall, now named Jackson Hall, was erected and
7 the school opened to students on October 11, 1887. The college had three teachers and 55
8 students, with John Henry Jackson serving as its first president; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1890, the college became a land-grant college and the departments
10 of home economics, agriculture, and mechanics were added to the curriculum. Over the
11 years, the college continued to grow. In 1902, the name was changed to Kentucky Normal
12 and Industrial Institute for Colored Persons. In 1926, the name changed again to
13 Kentucky State Industrial College for Colored Persons. In 1938, the school's name was
14 changed to Kentucky State College for Negroes and it began to offer a more traditional
15 liberal arts education. At this time, the college gained full accreditation from the Southern
16 Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1952, the name changed to Kentucky State
17 College and in 1972, it became known as Kentucky State University. The School of
18 Public Affairs enrolled its first graduate students in 1973; and

19 WHEREAS, over the years, Kentucky State University has expanded and enhanced
20 its campus to include an agricultural research farm and environmental education center.
21 The university offers associate degrees in three disciplines, baccalaureate degrees in 24
22 disciplines, and master's degrees in five disciplines; and

23 WHEREAS, students, faculty, and staff of Kentucky State University recognize the
24 importance of their journeys while being a part of the university's campus life. As an
25 institution of higher learning, Kentucky State University invests in the human potential of
26 its students and its alumni continue to impact the health and prosperity of the
27 Commonwealth, the nation, and the world. Kentucky State University Thorobreds

1 become thoroughbreds for life; and

2 WHEREAS, numerous individuals have been touched by Kentucky State
3 University's pride and commitment to its students, faculty, staff, and community. The
4 Thoroughbred spirit is reflected through service, leadership, scholarship,
5 brotherhood/sisterhood, diversity, and school spirit. The colors green and gold are worn
6 with pride and solidarity to reflect that Kentucky State University is Kentucky's premier
7 Historically Black College and University;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, stand
12 together to celebrate Green and Gold Day at the Capitol in honor of Kentucky State
13 University.

14 ➔Section 2. The Senate congratulates Kentucky State University in recognition of
15 its recent 135th anniversary and the significant impact the university has had on our
16 Commonwealth.

17 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
18 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal for delivery to Kentucky State University.