

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing University of Louisville Hospital's Burn Center and  
2 designating February 5 to 11, 2023, as Burn Awareness Week in the Commonwealth of  
3 Kentucky.

4           WHEREAS, burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental  
5 death and injury in the nation where tragically, children, the elderly, and the disabled are  
6 especially vulnerable to burn injuries, and almost one-third of all burn injuries occur in  
7 children under the age of 15; and

8           WHEREAS, in the United States, the CDC reports 276,086 people received medical  
9 care for treatment of unintentional burn injuries in 2020, with 3,028 deaths from fire and  
10 smoke inhalation. According to reports made to the American Burn Association registry  
11 91,875 people were treated in hospitals for burn-related injuries with 32% of those being  
12 for scalds; and

13           WHEREAS, compared to the overall population, children under five were two  
14 times as likely to be seen for burn injuries at a hospital emergency department. Young  
15 adults ages 20 to 29 had 1.4 times the risk, and adults ages 30-39 had 1.3 times the risk of  
16 the general population; and

17           WHEREAS, the primary causes of injury include fire flames, scalds, contact with  
18 hot objects, and electrical and chemical burns. Most of the injuries occur in the home.  
19 Today, 96.8% of those who suffer burn injuries will survive. Unfortunately, many of  
20 those survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and  
21 adjustment difficulties; and

22           WHEREAS, National Burn Awareness Week, an initiative of the American Burn  
23 Association, is a coming together of burn, fire, and life safety educators to make the  
24 public aware of the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injury, as well as  
25 consistent and authoritative measures to prevent these injuries, and how to best care for  
26 those that are injured; and

27           WHEREAS, the theme for 2023 National Burn Week is "Scalds: Hot Liquids Burn

1 Like Fire!" where a common risk of injury exists from hot liquids, steam, and hot bath  
2 water; and

3 WHEREAS, significant research and medical advances have dramatically improved  
4 burn care and treatment, aided rehabilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn  
5 survival rates. Aftercare support for the physical and emotional effects of burn injuries  
6 has also played a key role in the successful reintegration of burn survivors into our  
7 communities. Furthermore, burn safety education and prevention efforts continue to  
8 reduce the number of people who suffer burns each year; and

9 WHEREAS, many people devote their lives and careers to treating, caring for,  
10 supporting, and rehabilitating burn injury survivors, including those performing vital  
11 work in burn research and development. There are dedicated firefighters who risk their  
12 own lives every day to protect others, as well as burn foundations and other life safety  
13 professionals who promote burn injury awareness and prevention.

14 WHEREAS, University of Louisville Hospital is home to the only dedicated adult  
15 burn center in Kentucky, where a multidisciplinary team cares for approximately 350  
16 patients annually; and

17 WHEREAS, University of Louisville Hospital's Burn Center offers holistic services  
18 including trauma and plastic surgeons, registered nurses, physical, speech, and  
19 occupational therapy, burn technicians, social services, psychiatry, nutrition, addictive  
20 medicine, and chaplaincy services to assist patients and their families towards recovery;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
23 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby designates February 5 to 11,  
25 2023, as Burn Awareness Week in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

26 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
27 copy of this Resolution to Representative Pamela Stevenson for delivery to University of

- 1 Louisville Hospital's Burn Center.