

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Diane Whalen upon the occasion of her retirement as
2 mayor of the City of Florence.

3 WHEREAS, Diane Whalen has committed 26 years of her life in service to the City
4 of Florence; and

5 WHEREAS, Diane Whalen began serving the City of Florence in 1997 as vice
6 mayor; and

7 WHEREAS, Diane Whalen has served as mayor of the City of Florence since she
8 was first elected in 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, Diane Whalen has received multiple awards in relation to her service
10 to the City of Florence. In 2022, she was presented with the Northern Kentucky Chamber
11 Community Award. She has also been named an Outstanding Local Elected Official of
12 Northern Kentucky as well as an Outstanding Woman of Northern Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, Diane Whalen has been active with many civic groups throughout
14 northern Kentucky. In addition to serving on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on
15 Transforming Education in Kentucky and the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board, she
16 served on the Executive Committee for the Kentucky League of Cities, the Northern
17 Kentucky Area Development District, the Municipal Government League of Northern
18 Kentucky, and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Board of
19 Directors. She also served on the Presidential Search and Screening Committee for
20 Northern Kentucky University; and

21 WHEREAS, under Mayor Diane Whalen's leadership, thousands of jobs have been
22 created and over \$3 billion in capital investment have taken place in the City of Florence.
23 The City of Florence has also opened a skate park, a minor league baseball stadium, and
24 redeveloped the Florence World of Golf and mini-golf course. The City of Florence has
25 also obtained a Community Development Block Grant to assist in the construction of the
26 Deanna and Hugh Skees Senior Activity Center; and

27 WHEREAS, Diane Whalen has provided exemplary service to the citizens of

1 Florence and, as a result of her leadership, the city is one of the fastest growing cities in
2 Kentucky and has defined itself as a community interested in quality of life and
3 opportunities for their residents and corporate citizens;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate recognize the importance and dedication
8 it takes to be a public servant and commends Diane Whalen for her 26 years serving the
9 citizens of Florence.

10 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
11 Resolution to Diane Whalen, 6419 Parkwood Place, Florence, Kentucky 41042.