

1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Food and Drug Administration to  
2 mandate and enforce a prohibition on United States food manufacturers producing or  
3 selling food containing harmful ingredients that have been banned by several other  
4 countries.

5           WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has allowed food  
6 manufacturers in the United States to produce foods that are sold and consumed by the  
7 American public containing ingredients the FDA acknowledges are harmful to humans  
8 and that our global counterparts have banned; and

9           WHEREAS, coloring agents like the common additive Red No. 3 are made from  
10 coal tar which is used to make industrial floors shine and is the main ingredient in  
11 shampoos to treat head lice. In the United States it can be also found in processed  
12 cheeses, sodas, pet food, and candy; and

13           WHEREAS, brominated vegetable oil (BVO), found in sports drinks and citrus  
14 flavored sodas, acts as an emulsifier preventing the separation of the drink flavoring and  
15 has been found by the World Health Organization to contribute to thyroid-related health  
16 issues because it competes with the body's iodine receptor sites; and

17           WHEREAS, Red No. 3 and BVO are two of four ingredients that the state of  
18 California banned from production and sale to Californian consumers in California's 2023  
19 Food Safety Act, but the FDA allows the rest of the country to consume these harmful  
20 ingredients; and

21           WHEREAS, the European Union, Great Britain, China, Japan, and many other  
22 countries have banned these harmful ingredients, mandating manufacturers produce foods  
23 with alternative and safe ingredients, without limiting the sale of specific foods or  
24 products; and

25           WHEREAS, the FDA can mandate that food manufacturers find ways to create its  
26 same products without these toxic ingredients, as manufacturers do around the world and  
27 corporations such as Pepsi, Coca-Cola, and Panera Bread have done in the United States,

1 thereby prioritizing the health and safety of consumers; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States stands alone from other countries by allowing foods  
3 to be produced and sold with known harmful ingredients; and

4 WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Americans is the central tenant of the  
5 FDA's mission and the main goal of its governance, and enforcing the ban of known toxic  
6 and harmful ingredients produced in the United States and sold to Americans should  
7 therefore be the FDA's priority;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly urges the FDA to mandate and enforce a  
12 prohibition on food manufacturers in the United States producing or selling food  
13 containing harmful ingredients that have been banned by several other countries.

14 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this  
15 Resolution to the United States Food and Drug Administration.