

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requiring the New State Capitol, Capitol Annex, and
2 surrounding areas be available for use by all three branches of government.

3 WHEREAS, Section 27 of the Constitution of Kentucky states, "The powers of the
4 government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be divided into three distinct
5 departments, and each of them be confined to a separate body of magistracy, to wit:
6 Those which are legislative, to one; those which are executive, to another; and those
7 which are judicial, to another"; and

8 WHEREAS, the three branches of state government in Kentucky reside on the
9 Kentucky State Capitol campus, and in this shared space, each branch has a vested
10 interest in the use, safety and security, functionality, and architectural and aesthetic
11 integrity of the Kentucky State Capitol campus; and

12 WHEREAS, the three branches of government engage in the constitutional duties
13 assigned within the New State Capitol building and other buildings and areas of the
14 Capitol campus; and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly appropriated funds in the 2022-2023 budget for
16 Capitol campus renovation that has begun and is ongoing and will impact the day-to day
17 operations of all three equal branches of state government; and

18 WHEREAS, it is imperative that each of the three equal branches of state
19 government and occupants of the Capitol campus have continued cooperation and
20 collaboration to provide input and oversee the progression and integrity of the public
21 areas of the Capitol campus to ensure the open operation and accessibility of government
22 during both the period of current renovation and in the future;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. All public areas of the New State Capitol, State Capitol Annex, and
26 any buildings, appurtenances, or areas surrounding the New State Capitol and the State
27 Capitol Annex shall be available for use by all three branches of government.