

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 16, 2024, and October 31, 2024, as Take Your
2 Child to Vote Day.

3 WHEREAS, May 16, 2024, is the first day of no-excuse in-person absentee voting
4 for the primary and October 31, 2024, is the first day of no-excuse in-person absentee
5 voting for the regular election; and

6 WHEREAS, voting is a vitally important element of self-governance and the
7 maintenance of a functional democracy and civil liberties; and

8 WHEREAS, the idea of government by the people, for the people, and of the people
9 has been the driving force of this country's history, with countless lives being sacrificed
10 in pursuit of this noble goal; and

11 WHEREAS, the importance of democracy can be seen in the struggle to expand
12 suffrage to historically excluded groups, such as women and racial minorities; and

13 WHEREAS, recent polls have shown younger generations are growing increasingly
14 skeptical of the democratic process; and

15 WHEREAS, these trends represent a major threat to the ideals that this country was
16 founded on, and particularly show cause for concern among younger generations; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2020, the New York Times reported that one potential reason for
18 low voter turnout for the younger generation is that they have had fewer opportunities to
19 form the habit as compared to older generations; and

20 WHEREAS, one of the best ways to foster civic virtue and appreciation for
21 democracy in youth is to expose them to the democratic process firsthand, with a clear
22 example of this being taking one's children to the voting booth; and

23 WHEREAS, people of all ages are generally influenced by what they see friends
24 and family doing; and

25 WHEREAS, taking one's children to the polls teaches them how to use their own
26 voice to stand up for what they believe in; and

27 WHEREAS, while a child may not yet understand the issues and candidates on the

1 ballot, teaching your child about the practice of voting is important in instilling basic
2 habits of participating in the democratic process; and

3 WHEREAS, one great way to learn is by firsthand experience; and

4 WHEREAS, this basic fact holds true for voting as well, with a child witnessing
5 their parents voting leading to further interest in the democratic process and appreciation
6 for democracy;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
9 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

10 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes May 16, 2024, and
11 October 31, 2024, as Take Your Child to Vote Day.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this resolution to Representative Rachel Roarx.