

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to allow users of medical  
2 cannabis to own firearms.

3 WHEREAS, federal law currently prohibits the possession of firearms by anyone  
4 who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance; and

5 WHEREAS, cannabis is listed as a controlled substance under the federal  
6 Controlled Substances Act, and there are no exceptions in federal law for cannabis used  
7 for medicinal purposes; and

8 WHEREAS, medical cannabis is used to treat conditions like chronic pain and  
9 chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting; and

10 WHEREAS, the majority of states have enacted laws permitting the legal use of  
11 cannabis for medicinal purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 47 during the 2023 Regular  
13 Session, which established a medical cannabis program in the Commonwealth that came  
14 into effect January 1, 2025; and

15 WHEREAS, the conflict between federal firearms restrictions and medical cannabis  
16 laws has created confusion, inconsistency, and unnecessary legal risks for individuals  
17 who seek to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms; and

18 WHEREAS, citizens of the Commonwealth should not be forced to choose between  
19 accessing medical care and exercising their rights under the Second Amendment to the  
20 Constitution of the United States;

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. This honorable body respectfully urges the United States Congress to  
25 work toward a solution to allow users of medical cannabis to purchase and possess  
26 firearms.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a

- 1 copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
- 2 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky
- 3 congressional delegation.