

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2025, as Recovery Advocacy Day in the  
2 Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky has been devastated by overdose deaths due to opioid use  
4 and other substance use disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, from January to December 2023, accidental and preventable opioid  
6 poisonings took the lives of 2,068 Kentuckians; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky has been a leader in many areas aiming to preserve and  
8 protect life, including expanding harm reduction services and launching of the Advisory  
9 Council for Recovery Ready Communities project in 2022 that has since certified 21  
10 counties across the Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, the citizens of the Commonwealth continue to suffer from a lack of  
12 resources, including access to recovery and harm reduction services that support and  
13 foster recovery equity; and

14 WHEREAS, the lives and experiences of those living in long-term recovery should  
15 be celebrated; and

16 WHEREAS, a renewed resolve to aid, support, and protect those impacted by the  
17 lives that have been lost as well as those in recovery is needed; and

18 WHEREAS, members of the Senate encourage the citizens of the Commonwealth  
19 to help break the stigma that has plagued people suffering from substance use disorders  
20 and encourage them to share their stories of resilience and perseverance;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
23 ***Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby proclaim February 5, 2025, as  
25 Recovery Advocacy Day in the Commonwealth.

26 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor, recognition,  
27 and celebration of Kentuckians living in long-term recovery and of those providing

- 1 support and encouragement to them.
- 2       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 3 Resolution to Senator Keturah Herron for delivery.