

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds and declaring an
2 emergency.

3 WHEREAS, KRS 224A.320 establishes the Kentucky Water and Wastewater
4 Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (Kentucky WWATERS)
5 Program under the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to provide for an orderly process
6 for eligible public water or wastewater systems to apply for funds for eligible projects
7 and for those applications to be evaluated, scored, and presented to the General Assembly
8 for consideration for funding; and

9 WHEREAS, KRS 224A.320(7)(g) requires the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
10 board to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission no later than
11 December 1 of each year detailing the evaluations and scores of the proposed funding
12 recipients for the year, to allow for the General Assembly to make the determinations for
13 funding the proposed funding recipients; and

14 WHEREAS, the required report for 2025 has been received and reviewed;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

17 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby
18 approves and authorizes the Office of State Budget Director to release \$53,389,556 in
19 General Fund moneys for use by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, as appropriated
20 by 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1(4), to be used for the Kentucky WWATERS Program in
21 accordance with the 2025 submitted report.

22 ➔Section 2. Whereas it is critical that the eligible funding applicants to the
23 Kentucky WWATERS Program that have been selected for funding receive their awards
24 as soon as possible to help address the problems affecting their public water or
25 wastewater systems, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its
26 passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.