

1 A RESOLUTION relating to areas to be protected from civil immigration
2 enforcement actions.

3 WHEREAS, place of worship, educational institutions, and medical facilities
4 function as vital havens of spirituality, learning, and care, and are regarded as revered and
5 dependable spaces within communities, including those in the Commonwealth of
6 Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, allowing for civil immigration enforcement activities in these
8 locations could undermine community confidence and deter people, irrespective of their
9 immigration status, from practicing their faith, participating in worship services,
10 attending public primary and secondary schools, or seeking healthcare services; and

11 WHEREAS, the sacred character and compassionate purpose of institutions
12 dedicated to faith, education, and healthcare ought to be safeguarded from anxiety and
13 disturbance resulting from civil immigration enforcement measures; and

14 WHEREAS, our communities cherish empathy, security, and the inherent worth of
15 every individual, and strive to guarantee that no one is discouraged from utilizing vital
16 public institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, keeping these environments free from civil immigration enforcement
18 actions supports the broader security and welfare of community members by fostering
19 trust and collaboration with local organizations and public services; and

20 WHEREAS, federal guidance has traditionally acknowledged specific "sensitive
21 locations," including places of worship, educational institutions, and medical facilities, as
22 places where civil immigration enforcement actions should be avoided except in
23 extraordinary situations;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize the

1 importance of protecting places of worship, schools, and hospitals from searches,
2 detentions, and arrests as part of civil immigration enforcement actions by the United
3 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

4 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives hereby encourage
5 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agents to no longer enter
6 places of worship, schools, and hospitals for the purposes of conducting civil immigration
7 enforcement actions.

8 ➔Section 3. The members of the House of Representatives urge federal, state, and
9 local officials to implement immigration enforcement protocols that honor the sacred
10 nature of worship spaces, the educational purpose of Kentucky schools, and the essential
11 medical services offered by hospitals.

12 ➔Section 4. The members of the House of Representatives encourage the
13 Kentucky congressional delegation and federal policymakers to advance immigration
14 reforms that emphasize safeguarding families, maintaining and rebuilding community
15 confidence, and honor the worth of every person residing in the Commonwealth of
16 Kentucky.

17 ➔Section 5. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
18 copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
19 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky
20 congressional delegation.