

1 A RESOLUTION laying before the House of Representatives Articles of
2 Impeachment against Julie Muth Goodman, Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit
3 consisting of Fayette County.

4 WHEREAS, Section 66 of the Constitution of Kentucky vests the sole power of
5 impeachment with the House of Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 68 of the Constitution of Kentucky provides that all civil
7 officers are liable to impeachment for any misdemeanors in office; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 109 of the Judicial Article of the Constitution of Kentucky
9 provides, "The impeachment powers of the General Assembly shall remain inviolate";
10 and

11 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, the House Committee on Committees created a
12 House Impeachment Committee and appointed members to review citizen petitions filed
13 with the House Clerk; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2026, the Clerk of the House of Representatives
15 received a petition filed by a private citizen calling for the impeachment of Julie Muth
16 Goodman, Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit identifying six cases that alleged
17 abuses of both judicial discretion and authority; and

18 WHEREAS, the cases to which the petition referred included, *Commonwealth v.*
19 *Cornell Denmark Thomas, II*, Fayette Circuit Court, 21-CR-0336; *Commonwealth v.*
20 *Domonick Donte Jones*, Fayette Circuit Court, 23-CR-0394; *Commonwealth v. James*
21 *Harvey Hendron*, Fayette Circuit Court, 18-CR-1084; *Gregory Simpson v. Abigail*
22 *Caudill, Warden*, Fayette Circuit Court, 23-CI-2878; *Kenneth Ain, MD v. University of*
23 *Kentucky*, Fayette Circuit Court, 23-CI-3018; and *Caitlin Huff, et al. v. University of*
24 *Kentucky, et al.*, Fayette Circuit Court, 23-CI-1684; and

25 WHEREAS, the petition filed regarding Judge Goodman was referred to the House
26 Impeachment Committee on January 29, 2026; and

27 WHEREAS, on January 30, 2026, the House Impeachment Committee transmitted

1 a letter to Judge Goodman providing a copy of the petition and providing her the
2 opportunity to respond to the petition; and

3 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, Judge Goodman, through her counsel,
4 transmitted a written response to the petition to the House Impeachment Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, following the response, the House Impeachment Committee
6 designated March 16, 2026, as a hearing date; and

7 WHEREAS, notice of the hearing was provided to Judge Goodman and
8 acknowledged by her counsel on March 3, 2026; and

9 WHEREAS, the House Impeachment Committee heard testimony on March 16,
10 2026, from Judge Goodman and her attorneys; from Kimberly Baird, the
11 Commonwealth's attorney for the 22nd Judicial Circuit; and from Doug Botkin, the
12 surviving spouse of the victim killed when a vehicle driven by Cornell Thomas collided
13 with the victim's vehicle; and

14 WHEREAS, the House Impeachment Committee independently reviewed various
15 statements and actions made by Judge Goodman in conjunction with the testimony the
16 committee received during the hearing on March 16, 2026; and

17 WHEREAS, based upon this independent review, the House Impeachment
18 Committee finds and declares that the citizen petition is valid; and

19 WHEREAS, notwithstanding the validity of the petition and in accordance with the
20 authority granted by the Constitution of Kentucky, the House Impeachment Committee
21 finds that Judge Julie Muth Goodman committed misdemeanors in office, constituting a
22 reasonable basis upon which to recommend that Judge Julie Muth Goodman be
23 impeached and removed from office;

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 Articles of Impeachment filed with this Resolution are approved

1 as adopted.

2 ➔Section 2. A committee, with appropriate staff, shall be appointed by the
3 Speaker of the House to prosecute these Articles before the Senate.

4 ➔Section 3. The Chair of the committee appointed to prosecute these Articles
5 shall lay the Articles before the Senate within five days as required by law, and shall
6 transmit a complete record of the Impeachment Committee proceedings, including copies
7 of all documents received by the Committee.

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ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly, by virtue of the authority vested in it by Section 66 of the Constitution of Kentucky and the laws of this Commonwealth, hereby charges Julie Muth Goodman, Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, through the following Articles of Impeachment, to wit:

ARTICLE I

During her term of office, Judge Goodman abused the powers of the office she holds. This conduct constitutes a misdemeanor in office for which impeachment and removal from office is warranted by Section 68 of the Constitution of Kentucky.

ARTICLE II

During her term of office, Judge Goodman defied binding precedents established by the highest courts of this Commonwealth. This conduct constitutes a misdemeanor in office for which impeachment and removal from office is warranted by Section 68 of the Constitution of Kentucky.

ARTICLE III

During her term of office, Judge Goodman defied statutes enacted by the General Assembly and defied rules of the Kentucky Court of Justice. This conduct constitutes a misdemeanor in office for which impeachment and removal from office is warranted by Section 68 of the Constitution of Kentucky.

ARTICLE IV

During her term of office, Judge Goodman interfered with the rights and powers of the grand jury, trial court jurors, attorneys, and others to perform their respective roles within the Kentucky Court of Justice. This conduct constitutes a misdemeanor in office for which impeachment and removal from office is warranted by Section 68 of the Constitution of Kentucky.

ARTICLE V

1 During her term of office, Judge Goodman abused the powers of the office she
2 holds; defied binding precedents from the highest courts of this Commonwealth, statutes
3 enacted by the General Assembly, and rules of the Kentucky Court of Justice; and
4 interfered with the rights and powers of the grand jury, trial court jurors, attorneys, and
5 others to perform their respective roles within the Kentucky Court of Justice. This
6 conduct constitutes a misdemeanor in office for which impeachment and removal from
7 office is warranted by Section 68 of the Constitution of Kentucky.