

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing November 2026 as Grieving Children and Families
2 Month in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky ranks 6th in the nation in childhood bereavement,
4 highlighting the significant impact that grief has on children and families across the
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, research shows that children who lost a father are 18 percent less
7 likely to attend college, demonstrating the lasting effects of childhood bereavements; and

8 WHEREAS, in Kentucky, one in ten children will lose a parent or sibling before the
9 age of 18, underscoring the widespread and profound impact of grief in the lives of young
10 Kentuckians; and

11 WHEREAS, adults aged 35 to 44 who experienced the loss of a parent before the
12 age of 19 are more than 35 percent more likely to suffer from poor health outcomes,
13 indicating the lifelong toll that childhood grief can take on mental and physical health;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families provides vital
16 support to children, youth, and families as they grieve and grow by helping them navigate
17 the challenges of bereavement and offering programs that foster healing and resilience;
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19 WHEREAS, recognizing the month of November as Grieving Children and
20 Families Month in Kentucky will bring attention to the needs of grieving children and
21 families and highlight the importance of providing resources and support for those coping
22 with loss; and

23 WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day is observed nationally every year on
24 the third Thursday in November;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize November
2 2026 as Grieving Children and Families Month in Kentucky and commends all of the
3 individuals, organizations, and programs that work tirelessly to support grieving children,
4 youth, and families across the Commonwealth.

5 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
6 copy of this Resolution to Representative Nick Wilson for delivery to the Kentucky
7 Center for Grieving Children and Families.