

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing September 17, 2026, as United States Constitution
2 Day and June 1, 2026, as Kentucky Constitution Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1787, 55 delegates from throughout the fledgling
4 United States, intent on erecting a government that would stand the test of time and
5 protect the hard-won freedoms secured during the Revolutionary War, gathered at the
6 Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, the document they produced – our United States Constitution –
8 remains the bedrock of our system of government, one rooted in equality under the law
9 and an unyielding commitment to individual liberty; and

10 WHEREAS, with profound wisdom, the framers of our United States Constitution
11 divided political power among three separate and coequal branches, and further between
12 the Federal and State governments, ensuring that a government of the people, by the
13 people, and for the people would remain accountable to its citizens, from whom all
14 legitimate political power is derived; and

15 WHEREAS, our United States Constitution outlines a government that encourages
16 individuals to flourish while still empowering the states to perform necessary functions
17 like protecting law and order and providing essential public goods; and

18 WHEREAS, this revolutionary concept has made and continues to make our nation
19 the most free and just society in the world; and

20 WHEREAS, our rights and liberties are rooted in the United States Constitution and
21 its Bill of Rights which gave birth to our great nation, and we, as Americans, enjoy our
22 freedom and rule of law through these cherished documents that our founding fathers
23 created; and

24 WHEREAS, we recognize that each generation needs to renew the spirit of
25 America by upholding our constitutional system, honoring its framers and those who
26 have sacrificed to defend it, and embracing the duty we as citizens have to preserve the
27 society it has built; and

1 WHEREAS, Constitution Day was established to celebrate the United States
2 Constitution and its Bill of Rights and provides an opportunity for American citizens to
3 reaffirm the achievements of our founding fathers and recommit ourselves to preserving
4 the rights, privileges, and responsibilities our nation's founders secured for themselves
5 and for the posterity of future generations of Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky was admitted into the Union as the
7 fifteenth state on June 1, 1792; and

8 WHEREAS, the original 1792 Constitution of Kentucky established a framework
9 for governance, including a bicameral legislature, an executive branch, and a judicial
10 system, while incorporating a bill of rights; and

11 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has since adopted subsequent constitutions in
12 1799, 1850, and the current constitution in 1891, each reflecting the evolving values and
13 principles of its citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Kentucky has played a pivotal role in shaping the
15 state's legal and cultural identity, ensuring the rights and liberties of its people; and

16 WHEREAS, recognizing June 1, 2026, as Kentucky Constitution Day offers an
17 opportunity for citizens to reflect upon and celebrate the rich constitutional heritage of
18 the Commonwealth;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
21 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes September 17,
23 2026, as United States Constitution Day to celebrate our representative republic system
24 of government and the central contributions of the United States Constitution to the
25 freedom Americans are privileged to enjoy.

26 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes June 1, 2026, as
27 Kentucky Constitution Day to honor the Commonwealth's constitutional heritage and the

1 freedoms it protects and provides for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

2 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
3 copy of this Resolution to Representative DJ Johnson.