

1       A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2026, as Recovery Advocacy Day in  
2 the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3       WHEREAS, Kentucky has been devastated by overdose deaths due to opioid use  
4 and other substance use disorders; and

5       WHEREAS, in 2024, 1,410 Kentuckians passed away from preventable opioid  
6 overdose, a 30.2% decrease from 2023; and

7       WHEREAS, Kentucky has been a leader in many areas aiming to preserve and  
8 protect life, including expanding overdose prevention services and launching the  
9 Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities project in 2022, that has since  
10 certified 35 counties across the Commonwealth; and

11       WHEREAS, the people of Kentucky continue to suffer from a lack of resources,  
12 including access to recovery and harm reduction services that support and foster  
13 recovery; and

14       WHEREAS, the lives and experiences of those living in long-term recovery should  
15 be celebrated; and

16       WHEREAS, a renewed resolve to aid, support, and protect those impacted by the  
17 lives that have been lost as well as those in recovery is needed; and

18       WHEREAS, members of the House of Representatives encourage the citizens of the  
19 Commonwealth to help break the stigma that has plagued people suffering from  
20 substance use disorders, and encourage them to share their stories of resilience and  
21 perseverance;

22       NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
24 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

25       ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives do hereby recognize  
26 February 11, 2026, as Recovery Advocacy Day in Kentucky.

27       ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in

1 honor, recognition, and celebration of Kentuckians living in long-term recovery and of  
2 those providing support and encouragement to them.

3 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
4 copy of this Resolution to Representative Joshua Watkins for delivery.