

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Kentucky's congressional delegation to
2 support amending the Gun Control Act of 1968 to allow users of medical cannabis to
3 exercise their Second Amendment right to bear arms.

4 WHEREAS, the Gun Control Act of 1968 currently prohibits the possession of
5 firearms by anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance; and

6 WHEREAS, cannabis is listed as a controlled substance under the Controlled
7 Substances Act, and there are no exceptions in federal law for cannabis used for
8 medicinal purposes; and

9 WHEREAS, medical cannabis is used to treat conditions like chronic pain and
10 chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting; and

11 WHEREAS, the majority of states have enacted laws permitting the legal use of
12 cannabis for medicinal purposes; and

13 WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 47 during the 2023 Regular
14 Session, which established a medical cannabis program in the Commonwealth that came
15 into effect January 1, 2025; and

16 WHEREAS, the conflict between federal firearms restrictions and medical cannabis
17 laws has created confusion, inconsistency, and unnecessary legal risks for individuals
18 who seek to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms; and

19 WHEREAS, citizens of the Commonwealth should not be forced to choose between
20 accessing essential medical care and exercising their rights under the Second
21 Amendment;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly respectfully urges Kentucky's
26 congressional delegation to support amending the Gun Control Act of 1968 to allow users
27 of medical cannabis to purchase and possess firearms.

1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
2 Resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the
3 United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky congressional delegation.