

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Norton Children's for its commitment  
2 to serving children and families.

3           WHEREAS, Norton Children's is a leader in caring for children throughout the  
4 Commonwealth, Southern Indiana, and beyond; and

5           WHEREAS, as the state's only full-service, free-standing pediatric hospital, Norton  
6 Children's Hospital, along with its predecessor hospitals, has cared for children for more  
7 than a century without regard to their families' ability to pay; and

8           WHEREAS, the 300-bed hospital is Louisville's only level I pediatric trauma  
9 center, and serves as the primary pediatric teaching facility for the University of  
10 Louisville School of Medicine; and

11           WHEREAS, the Norton Children's system offers comprehensive inpatient and  
12 outpatient pediatric care, including a full range of services for congenital and acquired  
13 heart disease, cancer care, neurosciences, spine and orthopedic care, and neonatal care;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Norton Children's serves over 200,000 patients each year; and

16           WHEREAS, in 2024, nearly 2,000 critically ill and premature infants spent the first  
17 weeks of their lives in a Norton Children's neonatal intensive care unit; and

18           WHEREAS, Norton Children's has announced plans for a new care campus and a  
19 second dedicated pediatric hospital in Jeffersontown, Kentucky, to serve children across  
20 Kentucky, Southern Indiana, and beyond; and

21           WHEREAS, the new campus will be focused on providing services to children with  
22 complex medical, behavioral, and mental health needs, as well as an expanded space for  
23 specialty services and a research facility to focus on developing new treatments and cures  
24 for childhood conditions; and

25           WHEREAS, Norton Children's is currently holding listening and learning sessions  
26 across the Commonwealth and Southern Indiana to gather ideas and information about  
27 the needs of their communities relating to pediatric care; and

1           WHEREAS, this new development is a once in a generation opportunity to  
2 transform the delivery of pediatric healthcare across the Commonwealth and beyond;

3           NOW, THEREFORE,

4 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
5 ***Kentucky:***

6           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes and honors Norton Children's for its  
7 long and distinguished history of serving children and families.

8           ➔Section 2. The Senate applauds Norton Children's vision for the development of  
9 a world-class pediatric hospital and health care campus, and expresses strong support for  
10 its mission, vision, and values for serving children and families.

11           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
12 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery.