

1           A RESOLUTION designating March 31, 2026, as Kentucky Translational Science  
2 Day in the Commonwealth.

3           WHEREAS, part of the mission of the University of Kentucky is to advance the  
4 health of the state it serves, fulfilling a unique mandate to improve quality of life for all  
5 Kentuckians; and

6           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's flagship university is home to a wealth of  
7 expertise, anchored by 16 colleges on one contiguous campus, allowing the university to  
8 develop multidisciplinary solutions to address the most pressing and complex health  
9 challenges in the state; and

10          WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky demonstrates a strong commitment to  
11 translational science, a field of study that aims to convert scientific discoveries in  
12 laboratories into practical interventions that improve the health of communities  
13 worldwide; and

14          WHEREAS, research conducted at the University of Kentucky attracts hundreds of  
15 millions of dollars in federal and industry funding annually to address some of the  
16 nation's most critical health crises, including Alzheimer's disease and related dementias,  
17 cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and the unique health challenges facing Central  
18 Appalachia; and

19          WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational  
20 Science (CCTS) serves as the essential engine that ensures that research evidence is  
21 shared and implemented to benefit the public in clinical practice, prevention initiatives,  
22 and community health systems; and

23          WHEREAS, by pioneering innovative methods, such as artificial intelligence-  
24 supported trend prediction and universal biospecimen banking, the University of  
25 Kentucky CCTS promotes efficiency in research and removes operational barriers to  
26 discovery; and

27          WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky CCTS invests in the people behind the

1 science, supporting a multidisciplinary workforce of researchers, scholars, staff, and  
2 community partners who serve as the essential heartbeat of Kentucky's scientific  
3 progress and global leadership in healthcare; and

4 WHEREAS, translational science and the work of the University of Kentucky in the  
5 field serves to advance the health and well-being of Kentuckians, which is of great value  
6 to the Commonwealth;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
9 *Kentucky:*

10 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby designates March 31, 2026, as Kentucky  
11 Translational Science Day in the Commonwealth.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
13 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe.