

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as Love Your Smile Month.

2 WHEREAS, cleft lip and cleft palate are among the most common congenital
3 conditions, affecting one newborn every three minutes; and

4 WHEREAS, many families across the world lack access to the resources and
5 medical care needed to address these cleft conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, every year, eight Kentuckians will be born with a cleft palate; and

7 WHEREAS, while many with cleft conditions can receive the care they need, the
8 public support they receive in the Commonwealth is minimal; and

9 WHEREAS, Smile Train, the world's largest cleft-focused organization, is
10 dedicated to working towards their mission of providing free cleft surgeries and
11 comprehensive care to children in need; and

12 WHEREAS, by designating May 2026 as Love Your Smile Month, the
13 Commonwealth has the opportunity to raise awareness of cleft conditions, reduce the
14 stigma associated with cleft conditions, and support the global effort to create brighter
15 futures for children with cleft conditions; and

16 WHEREAS, this initiative furthers Smile Train's vision of empowering our
17 communities and spreading awareness about the importance of early intervention and
18 comprehensive cleft care;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize May 2026 as Love
23 Your Smile Month.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon.