

1 A RESOLUTION declaring each month of the year a celebration of significant
2 historical documents.

3 WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the
4 Continental Congress, thus signaling the birth of the United States of America as an
5 independent nation; and

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States was subsequently ratified in
7 1788, becoming the supreme law of the land. Today, it is regarded as the world's longest
8 surviving written national constitution currently in use. The founders drafted the
9 Constitution of the United States to set up an important system of checks and balances,
10 comprised of an executive branch, a representative legislative branch, and a federal
11 judiciary; and

12 WHEREAS, on December 15, 1791, Congress ratified the first 10 amendments to
13 the Constitution of the United States, known as the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights was
14 crucial because it added essential rights and specific guarantees of personal freedoms; and

15 WHEREAS, the First Amendment guarantees the sacred protection of freedom of
16 religion, speech, and the press from government interference. It also gives those in the
17 United States the right to peacefully protest and petition the government; and

18 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment protects individuals' rights to keep and bear
19 arms; and

20 WHEREAS, the Third Amendment prohibits the involuntary quartering of soldiers
21 in private homes; and

22 WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment protects individuals from unreasonable
23 searches and seizures imposed by the government; and

24 WHEREAS, the Fifth Amendment guarantees the right to a grand jury, forbids
25 double jeopardy, protects against self-incrimination, requires due process of law be a part
26 of any proceeding denying a citizen life, liberty, or property, and requires the government
27 to compensate citizens when it takes private property for public use; and

1 WHEREAS, the Sixth Amendment safeguards the rights of criminal defendants,
2 including the right to a speedy and public trial, the right to an attorney, the right to an
3 impartial jury, the right to confront your accuser, and the right to be apprised of the nature
4 of the charges and evidence against you; and

5 WHEREAS, the Seventh Amendment distinguishes civil claims which must be
6 tried before a jury from claims and issues that may be heard by a judge alone; and

7 WHEREAS, the Eighth Amendment prohibits excessive bail, fines, and cruel and
8 unusual punishments; and

9 WHEREAS, the Ninth Amendment addresses rights retained by the people that are
10 not specifically enumerated in the Constitution; and

11 WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment guarantees that the powers not delegated to the
12 United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the
13 states respectively, or to the people; and

14 WHEREAS, on June 1, 1792, Kentucky became the fifteenth state of this great
15 nation when its first constitution was accepted by the United States Congress. In its over
16 two hundred years of statehood, Kentucky has adopted three more constitutions: one in
17 1799, one in 1850, and one in 1891, which is currently in force. The Constitution of
18 Kentucky governs the Commonwealth of Kentucky and established the General
19 Assembly;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes January as
24 Declaration of Independence Month.

25 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes February as Federal
26 and State Constitution Month.

27 ➔Section 3. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes March as First

1 Amendment Month.

2 →Section 4. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes April as Second
3 Amendment Month.

4 →Section 5. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes May as Third
5 Amendment Month.

6 →Section 6. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes June as Fourth
7 Amendment Month.

8 →Section 7. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes July as Fifth
9 Amendment Month.

10 →Section 8. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes August as Sixth
11 Amendment Month.

12 →Section 9. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes September as
13 Seventh Amendment Month.

14 →Section 10. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes October as Eighth
15 Amendment Month.

16 →Section 11. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes November as
17 Ninth Amendment Month.

18 →Section 12. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes December as
19 Tenth Amendment Month.

20 →Section 13. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
21 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed.