

1 A RESOLUTION declaring February 7, 2017, to be Hunger Free Kentucky Day.

2 WHEREAS, more than 600,000 individuals in Kentucky rely on food provided by  
3 members of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks: Dare to Care Food Bank, Feeding  
4 America, Kentucky's Heartland, Freestore Food Bank, God's Pantry Food Bank,  
5 Huntington Area Food Bank, Purchase Area Development District Food Bank, and Tri-  
6 State Food Bank; and

7 WHEREAS, last year, members of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks  
8 distributed 58,000,000 meals to Kentuckians through its network of more than 800 food  
9 pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, farmers are offered a new market for surplus and Number 2 grade  
11 fruits and vegetables by selling them to the Kentucky Association of Food Banks; and

12 WHEREAS, the Farms to Food Banks Program increases access to healthy food  
13 among hungry Kentuckians while reducing the amount of wasted food by paying farmers  
14 for produce that would not be sold otherwise and distributing it through the food bank  
15 network; and

16 WHEREAS, as of January 2014, state income taxpayers can donate a portion of  
17 their tax refund to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farms to Food Banks Trust  
18 Fund;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. This honorable body declares February 7, 2017, to be Hunger Free  
23 Kentucky Day.