

1 A RESOLUTION declaring March 2, 2017, Kentucky Nutrition Day.

2 WHEREAS, more than 1300 individuals in Kentucky are Registered Dietitian  
3 Nutritionists, optimizing the public's health by translating the science of nutrition into  
4 practical solutions for healthy living; and

5 WHEREAS, the type, quality, and amount of food that individuals consume each  
6 day plays a vital role in their overall health and physical fitness; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a need for continuing nutrition education and a wide-scale  
8 effort to enhance healthy eating practices; and

9 WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists receive extensive training that  
10 combines academic preparation with hands-on, practical experience including a minimum  
11 of an accredited bachelor's degree; participation in a competitive, accredited supervised  
12 practice program involving a minimum of 1200 hours of direct patient interaction; and  
13 passing a national registration exam; and

14 WHEREAS, by working in a number of areas including community and public  
15 health, food and nutrition management, clinic nutrition, long-term care, consultation and  
16 business, and education and research, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists advance the  
17 nutritional health of all Kentuckians; and

18 WHEREAS, 93 percent of physicians refer to Registered Dietitian Nutritionists on  
19 an aided basis and three in four adults refer to dietitians as being "very credible" nutrition  
20 and health experts; and

21 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Licensure and Certification for Dietitians and  
22 Nutritionists protects the public by setting standards for quality dietetic and nutrition  
23 service, ensuring that all licensed dietitians and nutritionists meet the educational and  
24 practical requirements specified in law;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
27 ***Kentucky:***

1           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby declares March 2, 2017 Kentucky Nutrition Day  
2 and encourages all citizens to join the campaign and become concerned about their  
3 nutrition and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health for both  
4 today and tomorrow.

5           ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
6 Resolution to Senator Robin L. Webb for delivery.