

1 A RESOLUTION celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the civil rights movement
2 and commemorative March on Frankfort.

3 WHEREAS, on March 5, 1964, 10,000 people from southern states, led by Dr.
4 Martin Luther King, Jr., marched on Frankfort, and on the steps of the Capitol, demanded
5 legislation that would end segregation by making discrimination illegal; and

6 WHEREAS, on July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 88-
7 352, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination of all kinds based on race,
8 color, religion, gender, or national origin; and

9 WHEREAS, on January 27, 1966, Governor Edward T. Breathitt signed into law
10 the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966, the first civil rights law of any southern state,
11 prohibiting discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing based on
12 race, color, religion, or national origin, and hailed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as "the
13 strongest and most comprehensive civil rights bill passed by a southern state"; and

14 WHEREAS, this year we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of
15 1964, the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction; and

16 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2024, Kentuckians will March on Frankfort in celebration
17 of Kentucky's historic role, which helped lead the nation and the states to end legal
18 segregation and establish civil rights laws to make discrimination illegal; and

19 WHEREAS, Kentuckians support equal opportunity, equal treatment, and justice in
20 the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and are proud that this southern state leads the way for
21 civil and human rights;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Senate stands united in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of
26 the civil rights movement and the commemorative March on Frankfort.

27 ➔Section 2. The Senate encourages all Kentuckians to celebrate the achievements

1 this great Commonwealth has made in the area of civil rights and to actively participate
2 in this historic celebration.

3 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this
4 Resolution to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, 332 West Broadway, Suite
5 1400, Louisville, Kentucky 40202; NAACP, Louisville Branch, 1245 Catalpa Court,
6 Louisville, Kentucky 40211; NAACP Lexington-Fayette County Branch, P.O. Box
7 13655, Lexington, Kentucky 40583; Sen. Gerald A. Neal, and the members of the
8 Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus.