

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION terminating the declaration of emergency regarding the
2 SARS-COV-2 virus and declaring an emergency.

3 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed 2020 Executive
4 Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency regarding the SARS-COV-2 virus; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of emergency declared by Governor Andy Beshear regarding
6 the SARS-COV-2 virus has lasted two years; and

7 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is
8 empowered to terminate declarations of emergency by joint resolution by KRS
9 39A.090(4);

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

12 ➔Section 1. The declaration of emergency regarding the SARS-COV-2 virus in
13 2020 Executive Order 2020-215, as extended by 2021 Ky. Acts ch. 168; 2021 (1st Extra.
14 Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 1; and 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 4, is terminated effective on Monday, March
15 7, 2022, or on the effective date of this Resolution, whichever is later.

16 ➔Section 2. All subsequent executive orders, emergency administrative
17 regulations, suspensions of statutes, and other directives which rely upon the declaration
18 of emergency in 2020 Executive Order 2020-215 are also terminated effective on
19 Monday, March 7, 2022, or on the effective date of this Resolution, whichever is later.

20 ➔Section 3. Upon the expiration of a SARS-COV-2-related executive order, other
21 directive, or administrative regulation declaring an emergency or other implementation of
22 powers under KRS Chapter 39A, the Governor shall not declare a new SARS-COV-2-
23 related emergency or continue to implement any of the powers under KRS Chapter 39A
24 based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances as the original
25 declaration or implementation without the prior approval of the General Assembly.

26 ➔Section 4. It is not the intention of the General Assembly that this Resolution
27 should impair or delay the ability of the Commonwealth to receive any federal stimulus or

1 pandemic-related funds or services.

2 ➔Section 5. Whereas there are more effective vaccinations, treatments, and health
3 and safety protocols available today to address the virus than were available in March
4 2020 and the compelling interests of the public good and benefits to the Commonwealth
5 of terminating the declaration of emergency far outweigh the negative impacts of
6 remaining in a state of emergency for longer than two years, an emergency is declared to
7 exist, and this Resolution takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or
8 upon its otherwise becoming a law.