

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to reassess the federal
2 definition of hemp, allowing the product to contain up to one percent (1%) delta-9
3 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

4 WHEREAS, under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the
5 2018 Farm Bill, hemp was removed from the list of controlled substances and production
6 was therefore legalized throughout the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, a variety of products can be made from hemp through the use of its
8 fiber, seed, seed oil, or floral extracts. Hemp can be found in products such as paper,
9 fabric, auto parts, animal bedding, body care products, and essential oils; and

10 WHEREAS, cannabidiol (CBD) is a chemical compound of Cannabis sativa,
11 bearing little to no psychoactive effects, and is being evaluated for its role as a food
12 additive or health supplement; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture approved 200
14 processors and the production of 60,000 acres of hemp; and

15 WHEREAS, 102 of 120 counties in Kentucky grew hemp in 2019; and

16 WHEREAS, the federal government defines hemp in the 2018 Farm Bill as “the
17 plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all
18 derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether
19 growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3
20 percent on a dry weight basis”; and

21 WHEREAS, hemp farmers and processors encourage Congress to reassess the
22 definition of hemp as referenced in the 2018 Farm Bill and increase the farm production
23 values to one percent (1%) tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in order to allow hemp farmers to
24 increase yield potential per acre and profitability for all hemp grown in the
25 Commonwealth; and

26 WHEREAS, increasing yield potential per acre equates to increased profit potential
27 for Kentucky’s farm families and hemp processors;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
3 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

4 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly urges Congress to consider revising
5 the current definition of hemp found in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018,
6 increasing the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) threshold from three-tenths of one percent
7 (0.3%) to one percent (1%).

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
9 Resolution and notification of its adoption to each member of Kentucky's delegation to
10 the United States Congress.