

1 A RESOLUTION declaring February 28, 2019, Vape Out Day.

2 WHEREAS, the dangers of vaping, or e-cigarette use, have become widely
3 publicized as the popularity of these products have grown among teens; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2019, teens are more likely to use e-cigarettes than cigarettes; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2018, more than 37 percent of 12th graders admitted to vaping
6 within the past 12 months; and

7 WHEREAS, younger teens have also been impacted by vaping. From 2011 to 2018,
8 vaping use in middle schools increased by 48 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, while e-cigarettes were originally advertised to adults as a way to stop
10 smoking, a 2015 study showed that vaping had an opposite effect on teens, often leading
11 them to transition from vaping to cigarettes; and

12 WHEREAS, seven in 10 teens have been exposed to ads for e-cigarettes, with more
13 than 42 percent of teens reporting that they had seen those advertisements on social
14 media; and

15 WHEREAS, teens are especially susceptible to advertisements, particularly those
16 that portray the product as leading to a change or betterment in lifestyle and status; and

17 WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has responded, calling the uptick in
18 vaping use among teens a "dangerous trend" that has reached epidemic proportions; and

19 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society as well as the Food and Drug
20 Administration have directly stated that no youth should use nicotine products. Most e-
21 cigarettes contain nicotine, while many products that advertise zero nicotine contain trace
22 levels; and

23 WHEREAS, the health issues linked to vaping in teens have been widely studied.
24 E-cigarettes often contain harmful chemicals like propylene glycol and glycerol, and
25 prolonged exposure to these and other substances can lead to damaging conditions such
26 as "popcorn lung," which is characterized by a damaging inflammation and obstruction of
27 the bronchioles in the lungs; and

1 WHEREAS, youth across the nation and across this Commonwealth have
2 responded to these issues by attempting to bring awareness to the dangers of vaping; and

3 WHEREAS, in February 2019, the Johnson Central High School HOSA Team—
4 Team Truth—sponsored the first-ever Vape Out Day; and

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of this event, and in rightful condemnation of vaping
6 among Kentucky's youth, this august body declares February 28, 2019, Vape Out Day,
7 and calls on all Kentuckians to be aware of both the dangers and the growth of vaping
8 among teens;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby declares February 28, 2019, Vape Out Day.

13 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Senator Johnny Ray Turner.