

## **Model Fidelity Month Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION NO. [Resolution Number]**

**A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE JUNE AS FIDELITY MONTH IN [CITY/COUNTY/KENTUCKY] TO PROMOTE THE VALUES OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND PATRIOTISM.**

**WHEREAS** The National Opinion Research Center and the *Wall Street Journal*<sup>1</sup> found that a recent opinion poll of Americans showed support for traditional values, such as faith, family, and patriotism are declining; and

**WHEREAS** The principles of faith, family, and patriotism have long been seen as crucial for the health of American society; and

**WHEREAS** a study in the *Journal of Marriage and Family*<sup>2</sup> has found that couples that pray together have less than a 1% divorce rate; and

**WHEREAS** children who are raised in a religious or spiritual environment are better protected from high depressive symptoms, illicit drugs, and sexually transmitted diseases;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS** children with a religious upbringing also contributed towards to a number of positive outcomes as well, such as greater happiness, more volunteering in the community, a greater sense of mission and purpose, and higher levels of forgiveness;<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS** an abundance of research shows that children who grow up in married, two-parent families are more likely to be employed and graduate from

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<sup>1</sup> WSJ/NORC “Survey on American Values” (March, 2023)

<sup>2</sup> *The Journal of Marriage and Family* “The Couple That Prays Together: Race and Ethnicity, Religion, and Relationship Quality Among Working-Age Adults” (August, 2010)

<sup>3</sup> Institute for Family Studies “Religious Upbringing and Adolescence” (September, 2018)

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

college and less likely to be depressed, sentenced for criminal activity, end up poor, or bearing children in their teens.<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS** John Adams said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”; and

**WHEREAS** George Washington stated that “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”; and

**WHEREAS** Abraham Lincoln said, “We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven... But we have forgotten God... It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”; and

**WHEREAS** the cultivation of such virtues as fidelity to God, family, community, and country leads to human flourishing and healthy society;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the [legislative authority] of [county], Commonwealth of Kentucky:

### **Section 1**

The month of June be set aside for the celebration of Fidelity Month for the purpose of rededicating [county name] county to the civic virtues of faith, family, and patriotism.

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<sup>5</sup> Institute for Family Studies New Research Confirms Having Married Parents Helps Kids Get Ahead” (May, 2024)