

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GLOBAL READINESS FOR KENTUCKY STUDENTS**

**BY THE**

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

- Whereas, Pursuant to KRS 158.645, the Kentucky Board of Education has for many years established minimum standards for academic achievement that prepare students for college and/or a career; and*
- Whereas, The challenge of education is to prepare students for the world into which they are graduating, whether it be to enter and succeed in college, the workforce or the military, as well as to participate actively in civic life; and*
- Whereas, Citizenship is not just about making informed choices in local, state and national elections, but also about having the understanding, tools, and propensity to engage in global issues and interests; and*
- Whereas, A strong system of education enhances not only individual opportunity, but the economic viability of local communities and the quality of life of their residents; and*
- Whereas, Fully 21% of jobs in Kentucky are tied to international trade; Kentucky exports have reached \$25.3 billion, connect to 198 countries, and now make up 13% of the state's gross domestic product (GDP); and, in 2013, Kentucky had the second highest growth in exports in the nation; and*
- Whereas, Kentucky businesses, state and local education agencies, government offices and private organizations pay large fees to hire interpreters and translation services, ultimately costing Kentucky taxpayers.*

***NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education declares its commitment to making global readiness an explicit part of the existing college- and career-ready agenda, ensuring that all Kentucky students are globally-prepared and ready to support communities and companies with citizens and workers who understand how to cooperate and compete in an increasingly global economy.***

***Done in the city of Frankfort, this seventh day of August, in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen***