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**Nonprofit Task Force Created with Beshear's Signature Today**

**(FRANKFORT, Ky.—)** Governor Beshear signed House Concurrent Resolution 89 into law today. HCR 89, spearheaded by the Kentucky Nonprofit Network and sponsored by Rep. Addia Wuchner (R—Florence) and Rep. Arnold Simpson (D—Covington), directs the Legislative Research Commission to create a Government Nonprofit Contracting Task Force to study methods to increase accountability and efficiency in the government contracting process.

The resolution passed unanimously in both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly March 15.

National research confirms current contracting practices in Kentucky are costly and often duplicative for both nonprofits and government. The task force will examine current practices and propose needed solutions to improve efficiency and save both sectors time and money.

"Kentucky Nonprofit Network is doing important work to advance and strengthen our Commonwealth's nonprofit organizations. I am proud to have worked with them on HCR 89. The creation of this task force will challenge government and nonprofits to be more efficient stewards of taxpayer investments," Wuchner said.

Kentucky's nonprofit sector is a strong economic engine. One in nine Kentuckians work for a nonprofit, making it the third largest industry in Kentucky and outpacing retail employment.

"This is a big win for *all* Kentuckians; this task force will work to identify solutions that allow nonprofits to cut down on the red tape and spend more time and more funds serving our communities. The General Assembly's unanimous, bipartisan support sends a strong message about the important role of the nonprofit sector," Danielle Clore, KNN Executive Director/CEO, said.

Kentucky Nonprofit Network is the state association of nonprofit organizations working to strengthen and advance the Commonwealth's nonprofit community. With over thirteen years of service, KNN provides a unified public policy voice, professional development opportunities and resources and various membership benefits.



*Joining Governor Beshear are (from left to right) Lt. Governor Crit Luallen; Gretchen Hunt, KNN member, Ky Association of Sexual Assault Programs; Russell Harper, KNN board member; Sarah Brandenburg, KNN staff; Bart Baldwin, KNN public policy committee; Eileen O'Brien, KNN board member; Rep. Wuchner; and Danielle Clore, KNN executive director. (Photo: Kentucky Nonprofits Network/Kentucky House Republican Caucus)*

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