



Resolution in Support of Equine Tax Equity in Kentucky

Whereas the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) is the primary advocate for the Commonwealth's \$4 billion equine economy, which supports 100,000 jobs, directly or indirectly;

Whereas KEEP is committed to unity within the equine industry, and strives therefore to represent all participants, regardless of breed or discipline;

Whereas Kentucky's equine economy is an important part of the Commonwealth's shared culture and positive reputation around the world;

Whereas Kentucky's vast population of horses, whether owned for business or pleasure, drives the market for locally produced hay and feed grains;

Whereas increased equine activities – horse clubs, riding trails, or facilities for racing or showing – provide significant positive economic impact;

Whereas Kentucky's other livestock and agricultural enterprises are duly promoted and encouraged through the exemption of State sales taxes;

Whereas the raising or caring for equines requires the same inputs – feed, supplies and equipment – as does that of other livestock animals;

Whereas Kentucky's equine industry is a contributor to the economies of all 120 of the counties in the Commonwealth;

Whereas equine tax equity is a matter of fairness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Equine Education Project, on behalf of its members:

Urges the Governor and State Legislators to support sales-tax exemption for equines, equivalent to the tax policy for other livestock and farm animals.

Dated, this 30th day of July, 2015