

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Volunteers and their service to others through hundreds of community service organizations can inspire, equip and mobilize local and global communities to affect social change that makes a positive difference; and
- WHEREAS, In observance of National Volunteer Week, Americans participate in service projects and recognize local volunteers for their commitment to service that empowers both the giver and the recipient; and
- WHEREAS, The United States volunteer force of more than 61 million includes more than 66 percent of Kentuckians who volunteer to help their neighbors through community service organizations; and
- WHEREAS, We, as Kentuckians, have a strong tradition of philanthropy, volunteerism, and working to meet the needs of others through such events as Kentucky's 2009 Make A Difference Day effort that collected and distributed 123 tons of food to local food pantries and emergency feeding centers across the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, USA WEEKEND Magazine, its affiliate newspapers and the HandsOn Network chose Kentucky as one of 10 winners nationwide for Kentucky's 2009 Make A Difference Day project that promoted the annual national day of doing good that celebrates and strengthens the spirit of volunteer service; and
- WHEREAS, Our governing bodies cannot solve all of our nation's social problems alone, and volunteers are among our greatest national treasures and are vital to our future as a caring and productive state, nation and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2010, as

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in the Commonwealth and congratulate my fellow citizens on this prestigious national volunteer recognition award and urge them to continue volunteering in their communities and to honor and pay tribute to those who serve.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Handwritten signature of Steven L. Beshear in black ink.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Trey Grayson in black ink.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State