

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear

Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Chronic lung diseases, known collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, COPD costs the United States an estimated \$50 billion a year; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly 16 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD, with a similar number undiagnosed; and
- WHEREAS, Awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial in preventing or slowing the spread of lung disease in this country; and
- WHEREAS, The citizens of Kentucky deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy and be informed and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect that health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 2024, as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to help raise awareness about the prevalence and serious implications of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 28th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.

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