

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*


- WHEREAS, Tuberculosis (TB) is a potentially fatal disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, which usually attacks the lungs, but can attack any part of the body, such as the kidney, spine and brain; and
- WHEREAS, Although it is curable, TB remains a global health problem and is a leading killer of people who are HIV-infected; and
- WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that, annually, 10.6 million people around the world become sick with TB disease, and, among infectious diseases, TB is a leading killer of adults in the world, with 1.6 million TB-related deaths in 2021. Further, in the United States 71.4 percent of all TB cases and 85.7 percent of multidrug-resistant TB cases occur among people born in other countries; and
- WHEREAS, Tuberculosis, including multidrug-resistant cases, remains a burden in Kentucky despite significant progress towards its elimination, with 70 cases reported in 2022; and
- WHEREAS, Completing treatment is crucial to eliminating both active TB disease and latent TB infection, and raising awareness is imperative for the prevention and eventual elimination of the disease; and
- WHEREAS, World TB Day will be observed around the globe on March 24, 2023, to commemorate the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes TB;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as

## TUBERCULOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens of the Commonwealth to become aware of this infectious disease and the challenge of its prevention.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three and in the 231<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
ANDY BESHEAR  
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