

# Proclamation

by

*Steven L. Beshear*  
Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### *To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

WHEREAS, On any given day, thousands of men, women, and children are homeless and hungry in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to ending homelessness as demonstrated by the establishment of the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness is committed to engaging the state's leadership to forge partnerships among state agencies, service providers, and advocacy groups that enable all Kentucky communities to achieve local solutions to ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 Point-In-Time Count of Kentucky's homeless revealed that there are 6,795 individuals who are living in substandard housing conditions or expecting eviction within seven days from a private dwelling with no expectation of having a night-time residence or a community support system; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 Point-In-Time Count of Kentucky's homeless also revealed that there are 5,999 other homeless individuals, including those who are chronically homeless, mentally ill, substance abusers, veterans, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, or unaccompanied youth under 18 years of age;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 15-21, 2009, as

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in Kentucky, and encourage all people of the Commonwealth to recognize that many of our fellow Kentuckians are hungry, they do not have housing and need our support by volunteering our time, talents, and resources to end homelessness in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two  
Thousand Nine and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

*Steven L. Beshear*

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR



*Trey Grayson*

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Secretary of State