

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Access to healthcare is a basic human need and a shared societal responsibility; and
- WHEREAS, One patient who cannot access medical treatment or survive the financial hardship of illness is one patient too many; and
- WHEREAS, The experience of a serious diagnosis must open the patient's door to relevant clinical information, empowerment within the medical care system, timely and sustained medical care and intervention, an ability to efficiently and effectively reach both well-informed, independent decisions, and the benefit of appropriate support which removes barriers to this care and empowerment; and
- WHEREAS, The challenging complexity of ensuring healthcare to those in need must not deter or distract us from the urgency of finding and creating solutions to this persistent problem which requires immediate relief; and
- WHEREAS, We are certain that only the continuous, comprehensive, cooperative, and collaborative action of Kentucky government, private industry, healthcare providers, and citizens can and must surmount this challenge; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky affirms its commitment to progressive, fiscally sound, fair, and effective healthcare for every Kentucky Citizen, and stands in voice and action as an advocate for the patient now and in preparation for when the challenge is greatest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2010, as

## PATIENT ADVOCATE DAY

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 218<sup>th</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

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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