

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

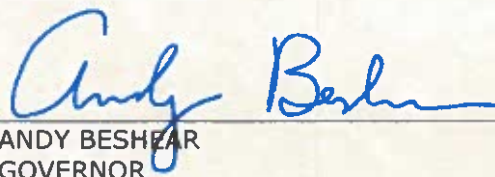
- WHEREAS, Nearly 55,000 Kentucky children are being raised in kinship care by grandparents, aunts and uncles, other relatives, and close family friends, when their parents are unable to do so due to challenging family situations; and
- WHEREAS, Kinship caregiving is found in all socioeconomic, educational, ethnic, and racial backgrounds, providing many opportunities, as well as unique financial, legal, and emotional challenges; and
- WHEREAS, Every child in Kentucky deserves the opportunity to grow and learn in a supportive, loving, and safe home environment while retaining a sense of family, cultural heritage, and community ties; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's public and private organizations are committed to working together to celebrate the strengths and address the challenges of kinship care families; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is committed to supporting kinship families who are raising a relative or close family friend's child on their own or with support from the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services; and
- WHEREAS, Kinship families continue to need services like support groups, trainings on issues important to kinship families, assistance with finding and accessing needed services and supports, and information about permanency options;

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

KINSHIP CARE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge all residents to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of kinship caregivers and the children they are raising in stable, loving, and nurturing households.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 30th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.


ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State

