Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear

Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS,   The month of April 2021 is National Minority Health Month as deemed by the Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the theme is "#VaccineReady"; and

WHEREAS,   OMH was created in 1986 as an outcome of the landmark 1985 Heckler Report on Black and Minority Health, and is charged to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities; and

WHEREAS,   COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that results in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans, can easily spread from person to person, and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS,   The still-existent dangers from COVID-19 constitute a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS,   The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted racial and ethnic minority communities and underscores the need for these vulnerable communities to get vaccinated as more vaccines become available; and

WHEREAS,   Public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing cases, and preventing the spread of infectious disease and chronic diseases that impact minority populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 2021, as

MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 1st day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One and in the 229th year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State