

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

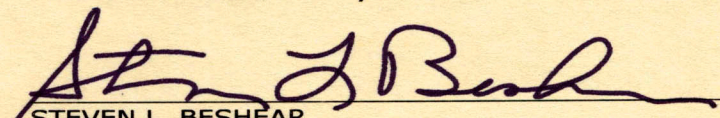
- WHEREAS, The warm weather activities of hunting, walking, running, hiking, camping, golfing and gardening put us in closer contact with grassy and wooded areas that may be inhabited or infested by ticks which are carried by both wildlife domestic animals; and
- WHEREAS, Tick bites can transmit serious and potentially fatal diseases such as Lyme disease, Babesiosis, Bartonellosis, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia, tick-borne spotted fever and rickettsial infections, resulting in fever, rash or flu-like symptoms; and
- WHEREAS, Improper methods of removing embedded ticks may increase the risk of infection and prompt treatment with adequate antibiotic therapy in early stages may cure Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and prevent permanent damage and complications; and
- WHEREAS, Lyme disease, when not promptly diagnosed or properly treated, may affect the brain, heart, joints and other body organs and it may mimic many other diseases; and
- WHEREAS, The science and testing surrounding Lyme and tick-borne diseases is unclear citizens and medical providers are encouraged to take all tick-borne diseases seriously; and
- WHEREAS, The best protections against tick-borne diseases are prevention and education, use of insect repellent, performance of periodic tick checks while outdoors and after returning home and showering and drying clothes for 15 minutes immediately after coming in from the outdoors;

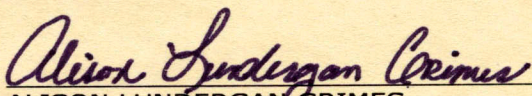
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

### LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASES AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and encourage all to learn more about these diseases and how they can protect themselves by reducing exposure to ticks.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen and in the 223<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE

