

# Proclamation

by

**Andy Beshear**  
**Governor**

of the

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**



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

- WHEREAS, According to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, there were approximately 2,500 beekeepers and 50 local beekeeping associations in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2020; and
- WHEREAS, There are nearly 13,000 bee colonies throughout the state that produce nearly 350,000 pounds of honey, generating more than \$800,000 for our local economy; and
- WHEREAS, Popular varieties of honey in Kentucky come from clover, black locust, wildflower, holly, tulip poplar, and other plant sources; and
- WHEREAS, There are well over 300 varieties of honey in the United States, as the color and flavor of honey depends on the nectar source; and
- WHEREAS, The benefits of honey are numerous, and honey can be used as an ingredient in food, medicine, hygiene products, and other products; and
- WHEREAS, Clarkson, Kentucky, is home to one of the largest manufacturers of beekeeping supplies in the nation; and
- WHEREAS, The month of September features two long-running bee-themed festivals in the state, the Breathitt County Honey Festival and the Clarkson Honeyfest, which has been named the "Official State Honey Festival of Kentucky"; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky Honey Month is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of those harvesting honey and the value of honey to Kentucky;

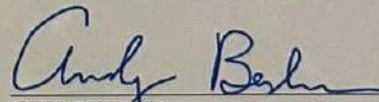
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as

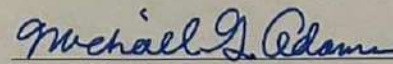
## **HONEY MONTH**

in Kentucky



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
Michael G. Adams  
Secretary of State