

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 2023, as

HONEY MONTH

In Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 22nd day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three and in the 232nd year of the Commonwealth.

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