

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



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

- WHEREAS, On the night of December 10, 2021 severe storms swept across the Commonwealth spawning several deadly tornadoes that brought incredible devastation to many communities, especially across the western part of the state; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky towns of Mayfield, Dawson Springs, Bremen and areas of Princeton, Benton and others were nearly wiped off the map by a single, large, long-tracking tornado that was on the ground for several hours and more than 165 miles crossing the state. Two separate tornadoes did incredible damage in Bowling Green as well; and
- WHEREAS, These devastating tornadoes killed at least 81 Kentuckians and more than 500 Kentuckians were injured. This was the worst tornado outbreak in Kentucky's history. Disaster declarations included the counties of Barren, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Shelby, Spencer, Taylor, Todd and Warren; and
- WHEREAS, Even though the tornadoes left behind so much destruction, the human spirit, and particularly the spirit of Kentuckians, could not have shined brighter in the days, weeks, and months following the disaster. People from across the United States and around the world also generously donated their time and resources, with many people traveling to the hardest hit areas to help in the recovery efforts; and
- WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Commonwealth to remember December 10 for the massive destruction of these devastating and deadly tornadoes and to honor those Kentuckians who lost their lives. It is also a time to remember and celebrate the many first responders and civilian heroes who worked tirelessly throughout this year following the disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2022, as

## WESTERN KENTUCKY TORNADO REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two and in the 231<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*Andy Beshear*  
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GOVERNOR

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