

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, More than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and
- WHEREAS, Gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciatingly painful attacks; and
- WHEREAS, Gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans, and they are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and
- WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and
- WHEREAS, Stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and
- WHEREAS, Heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2024, as

## GOUT AWARENESS DAY

in Kentucky.

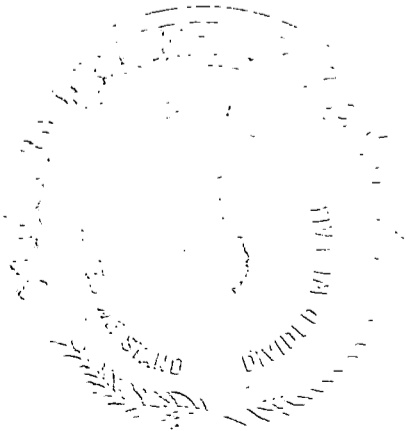
DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 232<sup>nd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael G. Adams".

Michael G. Adams  
Secretary of State



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