Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor
of the
Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, 1 in 6 Kentuckians – including nearly 200,000 children – do not always know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased the rate of food insecurity throughout Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, More than 600,000 individuals in Kentucky rely each year on food provided by Feeding Kentucky, whose members include Dare to Care Food Bank; Feeding America, Kentucky’s Heartland; Freestore Food Bank; God’s Pantry Food Bank; Facing Hunger Food Bank; Purchase Area Development District Food Bank; and Tri-State Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, Last year, members of Feeding Kentucky distributed 79,000,000 meals to Kentuckians in all 120 counties through its network of more than 800 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Farms to Food Banks program increases access to healthy food among hungry Kentuckians while reducing the amount of food waste by paying farmers for produce that would not be sold otherwise and distributing it throughout the food bank network;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2021, as

HUNGER FREE DAY

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 28th day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One and in the 229th year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State