

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear

Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

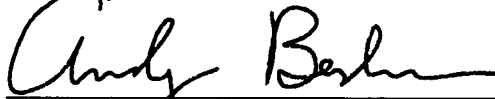
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is the birthplace of Bourbon, producing 95 percent of the world's supply, making the Commonwealth the one, true and authentic home for America's only native spirit; and
- WHEREAS, Bourbon is one of Kentucky's true signature industries and chief agricultural products, a thriving \$9 billion economic and tourism engine that employs more than 22,500 hard-working Kentuckians with an annual payroll topping \$1.23 billion; and
- WHEREAS, The iconic, homegrown industry is in the middle of a \$5.2 billion capital investment campaign, creating new good-paying jobs and spurring economic growth with the Commonwealth's second-highest job multiplier; and
- WHEREAS, Amid the economic growth and investment, there are now more than 95 distilleries in 40 counties all across Kentucky, the most since the glorious Repeal of Prohibition in 1933; and
- WHEREAS, Bourbon production has soared more than 435 percent since the turn of the century with 2.4 million barrels filled in 2020, the third year in a row that new production topped 2 million barrels; and
- WHEREAS, There are now over 10 million barrels of Bourbon currently aging in Kentucky warehouses, the highest inventory in history, meaning there are more than 2 barrels for each of the 4.5 million people living in Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Bourbon industry is a chief part of the Commonwealth's agricultural, agritech and agritourism sectors and annually purchases more than 13.5 million bushels of corn and other grains from Kentucky farm families; and
- WHEREAS, Tourists made more than 1.5 million stops at Kentucky Bourbon Trail® and Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour® distilleries in 2021, a milestone that continues to grow each year, elevating the demographic of the guest who visits Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky distillers are among the Commonwealth's foremost corporate citizens, donating millions of dollars each year to local, state and charitable causes, education, the arts and much more; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky distillers and the Bourbon community raised nearly \$5 million in separate auctions of rare bottles and private barrel selections for relief efforts after the catastrophic Western Kentucky tornadoes and Eastern Kentucky floods; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's distilling industry should be commended for its strong and continued efforts to promote the responsible and moderate use of its products, to eliminate drunken driving and to curb underage drinking;

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

BOURBON HERITAGE MONTH

in Kentucky and commend this observance to all.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 31st day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two and in the 22nd year of the Commonwealth.



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR



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Secretary of State

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