

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



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

- WHEREAS, The world is facing the most significant health crisis in modern history due to COVID-19, which has also caused a global economic downturn, impacting people and their ability to access health insurance; and
- WHEREAS, To slow the spread of COVID-19, individual and community health can be improved dramatically by covering your mouth and nose, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing; and
- WHEREAS, Affordable, quality health insurance coverage ensures access to care and makes a material difference in the health and well-being of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, Access to health insurance is important because those without coverage are less likely to see a doctor when they become ill or for treatment of a chronic condition and forgo necessary care until their condition becomes intolerable; and
- WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010 to expand access to affordable, meaningful coverage, to lower the number of uninsured people and improve overall population health and wellbeing; and
- WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act, which ensures critical consumer protections, and expands coverage to millions of Americans, is instrumental in dramatically reducing the number of uninsured people from 46.8 million in 2010 to 29.2 million in 2019; and
- WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act, provides access to affordable, quality coverage and care to Kentuckians, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and
- WHEREAS, 1.6 million Kentuckians are currently enrolled in Medicaid in Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, Leaders from across America have joined to launch a national movement to help address the COVID-19 pandemic by helping people protect themselves and making sure everyone who can, enrolls in health care coverage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2020, as

## **GET COVERED 2021 KENTUCKY DAY**

and call upon all residents to:

1. **Cover Up for COVID** – Practice the “3 W’s” to reduce the risk of COVID-19 – **Wear** a mask; **Wash** your hands; and **Watch** your distance. Together these can help keep you and your community healthy and safe.

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2. **Cover Yourself and Your Family** – Renew your coverage for a Qualified Health Plan, if you haven't already, and tell friends to check [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) and [kynect.ky.gov](http://kynect.ky.gov) to see their health coverage options, and how they can get covered.
3. **Cover Everyone** – Support efforts to increase access to affordable meaningful health care coverage for all Kentuckians.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty and in the 229<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*Andy Beshear*

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GOVERNOR

*Michael G. Adams*

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Secretary of State