

# Proclamation

by

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Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Antibiotics are a critical weapon against infectious bacterial diseases that can harm people of all ages and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, The misuse of antibiotics is the single most important factor leading to antibiotic resistance yet antibiotics are among the most commonly prescribed drugs; and
- WHEREAS, Antibiotics resistance has become a key threat to health in the United States, causing more than two million illnesses and at least 23,000 deaths each year; and
- WHEREAS, Up to 50% of all antibiotics prescribed for people are not needed or are not optimally effective as prescribed; and
- WHEREAS, Improving the way healthcare professionals prescribe antibiotics, and the way we take antibiotics, helps keep us healthy now, helps fight antibiotic resistance, and ensures that these life-saving drugs will be available for future generations; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Department for Public Health is partnering with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physician organizations, health plans, local public health organizations, and consumer groups to educate health professionals and consumers about the appropriate use of antibiotics.

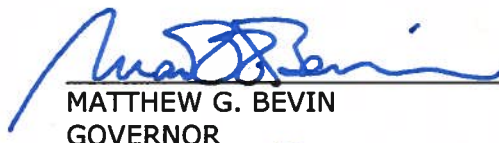
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the November 12-18, 2018, as

## KENTUCKY ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen and in the 227<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE