Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, Each year in Kentucky, distracted driving results in more than 40,000 crashes, more than 11,000 injuries, and approximately 150 deaths; and

WHEREAS, In Kentucky, more than half of those killed in motor vehicles are not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, Wearing a seat belt is the best defense against serious injuries and death; and

WHEREAS, Driving alert can prevent crashes with other vehicles, as well as bike and pedestrian injuries and death; and

WHEREAS, Buckling up and putting the phone down - two simple yet critical actions - will prevent crashes and decrease the severity of injuries and the number of deaths on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2024, as

BUCKLE UP PHONE DOWN DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 1st day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESHEAR

Michael G. Adams Secretary of State