Proclamation

by

Ernie Fletcher
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Registering to vote is a critical element of the electoral and political process; and

WHEREAS, In past decades, there has been a decline in civic engagement among the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, In the 2004 Presidential election only 56.4 percent of Kentucky's voting age population cast a ballot in the election; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky participates in National Voter Registration Week which is held during federal election cycles; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky has undertaken similar efforts in recent years to increase the number of registered voters while concurrently increasing voter turnout in recent elections; and

WHEREAS, In efforts to bring increased awareness to the electoral and political process prior to elections, October has been named "Civic Literacy and Engagement" month in Kentucky by the Kentucky State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Secretary of State encourages all eligible citizens of the Commonwealth to actively engage in the political process by registering and voting in all elections; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Secretary of State will promote October 1-7, 2007, as Kentucky Voter Registration Week;

WHEREAS, The state deadline for registering to vote and making party or address changes to one's voter registration is October 9th;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERNIE FLETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2007, as

VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

in Kentucky, and encourage all citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to register to vote in time for the forthcoming general election on November 6, 2007.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 28th day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven and in the 216th year of the Commonwealth.

ERNIE FLETCHER
GOVERNOR

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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