

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Antibiotics are critical weapons against infectious bacterial diseases that can harm people of all ages and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, Extensive, and often inappropriate, use of antibiotics has resulted in the development of antibiotic resistance which has threatened the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious diseases; and
- WHEREAS, Antibiotic resistance has become a key threat to health in the United States, causing more than two million illnesses and at least twenty-three thousand deaths each year; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is the number one prescriber of antibiotics in the outpatient setting; and
- WHEREAS, Appropriate use of antibiotics is a key solution to addressing the threat of antibiotic resistance; and
- WHEREAS, Comprehensive education about antibiotics can facilitate a shift in the mindset and practices of healthcare workers and the general public, contributing to greater consistency in appropriate prescribing methods and uses of antibiotics; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Department for Public Health is partnering with the United States 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 November 14th-20th, 2016, as

GET SMART ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 20th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen and in the 225th year of the Commonwealth.


MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


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