

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Kentucky;
- WHEREAS, Native wildlife populations are an integral part of Kentucky's natural environment, and indicate the overall health of our statewide ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, Each year in the United States, more than 1.5 million animals are hit by vehicles on our roads; at the same time, about 200 people are killed and roughly 26,000 are injured in these vehicular-wildlife collisions; and
- WHEREAS, The average cost of property damage from these collisions is more than \$1 billion, and the total cost to society each year is \$8.4 billion; and
- WHEREAS, The successful movement and survival of wildlife in our state depends on continued public education and the increased understanding of the essential role that migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 19-23, 2011 as

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK

in Kentucky, and commend its observance to all.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 7th day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 219th year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Elaine N. Walker in black ink.

Elaine N. Walker
Secretary of State

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