

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear

Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Office of State Archaeology within the University of Kentucky's Department of Anthropology and the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office maintain an extensive and growing record of thousands of archaeological sites from across the state, many of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are designated National Historic Landmarks; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable archaeological record documents more than twelve thousand years of Kentucky's past, from Native American hunter-gatherers and farmers, to colonial European farmers and African slaves, to their more recent descendants who farmed, mined, and ran industries and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Despite this information, our understanding of Kentucky's indigenous history is still incomplete and many myths about it persist, so professional archaeologists continue to work with the public to provide new insights into our collective past and greatly expand our knowledge about different cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, Archaeology's contributions to our understanding of, and appreciation for, Kentucky's rich cultural heritage are often overlooked, and new findings can make visible those groups rendered invisible by history, change our perception of our past and enrich understanding of our own lives today; and

WHEREAS, Through public outreach, archaeologists strive to prevent looting and protect these fragile records of the Commonwealth's heritage; and

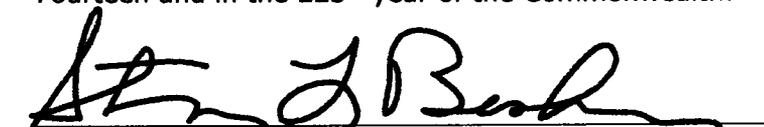
WHEREAS, Since 1989, Kentucky's oldest and largest public archaeology event, Living Archaeology Weekend, has been held each September in Daniel Boone National Forest to call attention to the important work of archaeologists and the important role archaeological sites play in teaching us about our collective past;

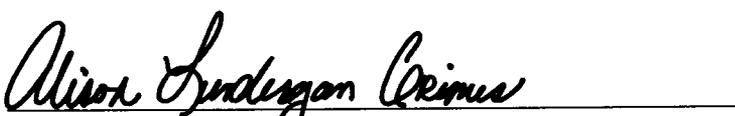
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

KENTUCKY ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

and encourage its observance.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 27th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the 223rd year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


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