

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world, having been identified in virtually all populations, and can lead to life-threatening liver disease in children and adults, or lung disease in adults; and
- WHEREAS, Roughly 100,000 Americans have this severe deficiency, and up to six percent of Caucasians here carry a single deficient gene and may pass it on to their children; and
- WHEREAS, There is a simple test that can easily detect Alpha-1, but the disorder has been widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed, often taking an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms first appear before a proper diagnosis is made; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is the most commonly known genetic risk factor for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), the most frequent cause of disability and death among affected people; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 originates in the liver and can lead to liver failure at any time in life; and the only treatment for liver disease caused by Alpha-1 at this time is a liver transplant; and
- WHEREAS, Because early detection of this serious and often fatal disorder is vital, the Kentucky Alpha-1 Support Group and others will hold awareness activities this month to educate all about this disorder and the simple test that can detect it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 2017, as

ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 7th day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen and in the 226th year of the Commonwealth.


MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


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