

# Proclamation

by

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Governor

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*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or lung disease in adults; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations. An estimated 100,000 children and adults in the U.S. have the severe deficiency and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS, Many Kentuckians are affected by this disorder; and
- WHEREAS, An estimated 25 million people in the United States carry a single deficient gene that causes Alpha 1 and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 originates in the liver and can lead to liver failure at any time in life. It is the leading genetic cause of liver transplantation in children; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is the most common known genetic risk factor for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Lung disease is the most frequent cause of disability and early death among affected persons, striking in the prime of life and is a major reason for lung transplants;

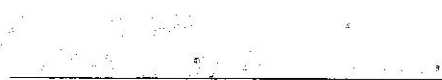
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby declare the month of November 2018, as


## ALPHA 1 AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen and in the 227<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE