

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Storytelling carries into the present and the future wisdom from the past, thousands of years of human experience compressed into stories that reward courage, kindness, resourcefulness, and hope; and
- WHEREAS, Storytelling circulates stories from around the world, celebrating both the differences between cultures and the underlying connections among people everywhere; and
- WHEREAS, Storytelling strengthens the ties that bind us as people, as families, and as communities, reminding us of our shared histories, memories, and values; and
- WHEREAS, Storytelling contributes to literacy, listening skills, empathy, and imagination and is an essential part of the Commonwealth we inherit as Kentuckians; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is a storytelling state. In barber shops, courthouses, and church basements; at the reunion and around the supper table; anywhere and everywhere we get together, Kentuckians tell stories: family stories, local legends, haint tales, fairy tales, jokes, and personal experiences; stories about preachers, politicians, racehorses, and hunting dogs; and stories from our rich oral tradition, preserved in our libraries, archives, and memories; and
- WHEREAS, Storytelling festivals, performances, story circles, and other activities will keep Kentucky's storytelling traditions strong;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2026, as

STORYTELLING MONTH

in Kentucky.



Done in the City of Frankfort on the 2nd day of March,
in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six and
in the 234th year of the Commonwealth.

Andy Beshear

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GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams

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Secretary of State