

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Usher Syndrome, a leading cause of combined deafness and blindness, is a relatively rare genetic disorder caused by a mutation in any one of at least 10 genes; and
- WHEREAS, More than 400,000 people are affected by this disorder worldwide, with as many as 25,000 of those in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Usher Syndrome, which currently has no cure, can cause vision loss, hearing loss and severe balance issues; and
- WHEREAS, There are three clinical types of the disorder, Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3, based on the severity and age when the signs and symptoms appear, and there are at least 11 different genetic types of Usher Syndrome, which can only be distinguished reliably through DNA testing; and
- WHEREAS, Because of limited public awareness, those affected with Usher Syndrome may suffer from depression, anxiety, isolation and loss of independence; and
- WHEREAS, The Usher Syndrome community is uniting around the world to spread public awareness and to be recognized annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2025, as

USHER SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 2nd day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five and in the 234th year of the Commonwealth.

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