

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Children under age 4 are at a higher risk of serious physical injury or death as a result of child abuse, and Kentucky has a higher rate of substantiated child victims of abuse under age one than the national rate; and
- WHEREAS, Research from pediatricians has led to a tool called the TEN-4 FACESp Bruising Rule to help identify bruising in areas that are cause for concern on children younger than 4 years of age; and
- WHEREAS, TEN-4-FACESp says that any bruising before a child is pulling up or taking steps — especially those four (4) months of age and younger — and any bruising on the Torso, Ears, and Neck (TEN) as well as the Frenulum, Angle of jaw, Cheeks, Eyelids, Subconjunctivae (FACES) and Patterned bruising, are significant red flags for child abuse and need to be reported; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky requires the training of certain professionals, such as nurses, doctors, social workers, and first responders, on this rule within the Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma training, but it is imperative to have as many adults as possible ready to identify these concerning bruises; and
- WHEREAS, The Kosair for Kids Face It Movement is leading a campaign to end child abuse that aims to bring awareness to the TEN-4-FACESp Bruising Rule with traditional and social media campaigns and educational events on the days surrounding October 4th — TEN-4 on 10/4; and
- WHEREAS, The University of Louisville and University of Kentucky forensic pediatricians and their teams are providing trainings the week of October 4, 2024, for free to educate about the bruising rule to identify abuse early, as well as share tips for prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2024, as

TEN-4 DAY

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to do their part in recognizing and preventing child abuse.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 1st day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.

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