

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear

Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### *To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Kentucky has regularly dealt with the presence of unwanted invasive plants that are not native to the state and that through their aggressive nature pose a genuine danger to the well being of the natural areas, wildlands, farm lands, parks and recreation areas, managed forests, and home landscapes of the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky farmers, private landowners, commercial greenhouse and nursery owners, recreational groups, state and federal agencies, and industries acknowledge the economic and environmental costs posed to their continued economic, environmental and social well being by the presence of invasive plants; and
- WHEREAS, It is understood that invasions by these pest plants result in significant decreases in the biological diversity of Kentucky and are a primary reason for the endangerment of rare species and the alteration of natural ecosystem functions which are detrimental to wildlife; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky farmers, government agencies, private sector entities, and conservation groups unanimously support implementation of all aspects of integrated weed management;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

## INVASIVE PLANT AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and strongly encourage all Kentuckians to assist in preventing the spread of invasive plants.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 217<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson".

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State