

# Proclamation

## To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and

WHEREAS, all leaders-especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business-should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote answers to these critical issues; and

WHEREAS, numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Kentucky Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates; now, therefore, be it

Now, therefore, we, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2018 as  
"KENTUCKY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK"

And encourage all fraternal, legal, government and professional associations, students and educators in Kentucky schools to formally adopt similar resolutions and proclamations so that we may enthusiastically work together to make our schools safe, secure, and peaceful places for learning, teaching, and working, free of drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fear.

Done this 25<sup>th</sup> day of 2018 in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

  
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Wayne D. Lewis Jr., Commissioner of Education