

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentuckians have always felt a strong connection to their teachers, and rely on their noble work to educate present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS, A select group of 230 Kentucky teachers received their National Board Certification in December 2008; and
- WHEREAS, National Board Certification is a rigorous and demanding process, requiring nearly four hundred hours of study within a narrow seven to nine months timeframe; and
- WHEREAS, Because this professional certification is extremely difficult to attain, there is only a fifty percent success rate for teachers seeking certification in their first attempt; and
- WHEREAS, The voluntary participation of teachers is a profound statement of their passion for students and their commitment to move educational achievement forward;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2009, as

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER DAY

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to show appreciation for our new National Board Certified teachers, as well as the teachers who have been certified since the national program began in 1987.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort
this 18th day of February, in the year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Nine and in the 217th year of the
Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven L. Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Trey Grayson".

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State