IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

STEVEN L. BESHEAR

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the Kentucky Main Street Program, the oldest statewide downtown revitalization program in the nation, introduced in 1979 with the goal of encouraging downtown revitalization, public-private partnerships and economic development within the context of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Main Street Program is a proven economic development tool that revitalizes downtowns, creates jobs, attracts investment, stimulates heritage tourism, fosters new business development, assists affordable housing, increases property values and improves the economic climate of communities; and

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Main Street Program has provided technical assistance and training to more than 100 Kentucky communities, which through their grassroots efforts have achieved success in the program through the hard work and commitment of local volunteers, board members, program managers and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with Renaissance on Main, the Kentucky Main Street Program has generated more than $2 billion of public-private investment in Kentucky communities over the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Downtown revitalization is relevant for all communities both urban and rural; and, the Kentucky Main Street Program is one of the few small business development programs to help give small, rural communities an economic advantage; and, communities that protect and encourage investment in and reuse of their historic buildings consistently demonstrate an improved quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby pay tribute to:

KENTUCKY MAIN STREET PROGRAM

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 13th day of October in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR