

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, An Acquired Brain Injury is an injury that occurs after birth, is non-congenital and non-degenerative and may result from a wound to the head, a brain tumor or Cerebrovascular Accident; and
- WHEREAS, It is reported that one in five Kentucky families has one or more family members with a brain injury, our state's rate of brain injury is twice the national average, and our state's brain tumor rate is 8th in the nation; and
- WHEREAS, Brain injury is a factor in the hospitalization of 22 Kentucky residents per day; and
- WHEREAS, Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability in young children; and
- WHEREAS, A person with a brain injury is three times more likely to sustain a second brain injury, and is ten times more likely to sustain a third brain injury than someone who has never experienced one; and
- WHEREAS, Brain injury is six times more prevalent than breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, spinal cord injury and multiple sclerosis combined; and
- WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is considered the "signature" injury of our nation's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; (DOD)
- WHEREAS, For the first time, the United States military is treating more head injuries than chest injuries or abdominal wounds, according to the Department of Defense, which projects that the cost of medical care over the next twenty years for soldiers with brain injuries is \$14 billion; and
- WHEREAS, The only "cure" for brain Injury is prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, do hereby proclaim March 14, 2012, as

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY

In the _____, and urge all citizens to work together to prevent brain injuries, to educate others about the effects of brain injury, and to support the survivors of brain injuries and their families.