



PROCLAMATION

from the Office of the Mayor

CITY of COVINGTON

WHEREAS: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a serious, national public health issue affecting at least 5.3 million Americans who now live with disabilities resulting from brain injuries and, of the 1.5 million people annually who sustain TBI, 50,000 will die while an additional 80,000 will experience the onset of life-long disabilities as a result of their injuries; and

WHEREAS: Brain injury is the number one disability in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Brain injury affects one in five households in Kentucky and is six times more prevalent than breast cancer, AIDS, HIV, spinal cord injuries and multiple sclerosis combined. Approximately 850,000 Kentuckians live with a brain injury. Brain injuries are Kentucky's number one killer based on population. Kentucky's rate of brain injury is more than twice the national average; and

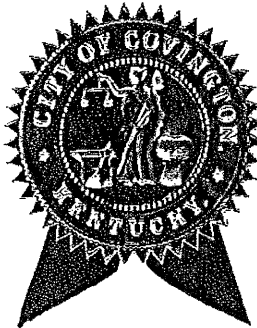
WHEREAS: TBI is often called the "silent disability" because the problems that result from the injuries, such as impaired memory, are not immediately visible; and

WHEREAS: There are numerous hospitals, associations, and private citizens that strive to provide a better future for TBI patients through prevention, research, education, and advocacy, including the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky, (BRIDGES) Brain Injury Support Groups of Northern Kentucky, American Nursing Care, Center for Comprehensive Services-Mentor ABI, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Edward Jones, Gateway Community & Technical College, Gateway Rehabilitation Hospital, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Inclusion Network, InReturn, NSICU/Neurocritical Care Program Association, Pathways/Christopher East NeuroRehabilitation Center, Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Center, Sutton Rankin Law, UK Department of Rehabilitation Services; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Denny Bowman, Mayor of the City of Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of its Commission, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2009, as

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Covington and urge our citizens to educate themselves regarding brain injury issues and to take the necessary precautions to ensure their own safety and that of their loved ones.



Denny Bowman
MAYOR, CITY OF COVINGTON

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Covington to be affixed on this 9th day of March 2009.

ATTEST: *Margaret W. Lyhan*
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT