

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, By 2031, 63% of jobs in Kentucky will require some postsecondary training beyond high school; and
- WHEREAS, GEAR UP is designed to increase the number of students in low-income communities who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-high school education and beyond; and
- WHEREAS, GEAR UP grant programs in 59 school districts in 47 Kentucky counties provide free support and resources to more than 35,000 students and families in low-income schools and communities to inspire and assist them in transitioning to and through post-high school education; and
- WHEREAS, GEAR UP includes services such as career exploration, college and career advising, academic preparation, and leadership development programs, as well as college tours and summer programs, to improve access to higher education for students in low-income Kentucky communities, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college; and
- WHEREAS, Local, regional and state workforce development efforts are incumbent upon Kentuckians achieving training and education beyond high school;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2025, as

#GEARUPWORKS DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 22nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.

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GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams

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Secretary of State