



RYAN F. QUARLES

KENTUCKY COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, farmers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky planted 1.95 million acres of soybeans in 2017, producing 102.8 million bushels; and

WHEREAS, soybeans and the components thereof, soybean oil and soybean meal, are used in a wide variety of applications including but not limited to feed for our state's number one agricultural commodity, poultry, as well as livestock feed, biodiesel fuel, industrial applications, and as ingredients in food products; and

WHEREAS, this crop has an economic impact of more than \$1.48 billion on the Commonwealth of Kentucky, generating income for farm families and related agribusinesses; and

WHEREAS, this crop is a significant export for the United States in a variety of forms – whole beans, soybean meal, soybean oil, and as a value-added export for international markets that rely on the United States to supply them poultry, pork, and beef; and

WHEREAS, the farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association and the Kentucky Soybean Board work diligently on behalf of soybean farmers in the Commonwealth to invest in research and programs that will help them produce more soybeans and increase profitability, promote the use of soy and soy products in a variety of applications, and protect the growers' freedom to operate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner of Agriculture for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of **March 5, 2018**, to be

SOYBEAN WEEK

in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I acknowledge the significant economic impact of this crop and the dedication of the farmers who grow it, and I encourage all Kentuckians to join me in saluting our soybean industry and its important contributions to our quality of life.

DONE in the City of Frankfort, this Fifth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen, the Two Hundred Twenty-Sixth Year of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner

