Proclamation

by

Ernie Fletcher

Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Clark Publishing and Communications of Lexington is reviving the tradition of Kentucky almanacs, produced from 1788 to 1856 in the early days of Kentucky's history, with the publication of Clark's Kentucky Almanac and Book of Facts 2006 due out in the fall of 2005; and

WHEREAS, John Bradford, who was named the official printer by the legislature in 1787, created the Kentucky Gazette, the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies, and also printed the first Kentucky Almanac in 1788; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Kentucky's Historian Laureate, says that "the tapestry of Kentucky…is woven from a multiplicity of strands of natural and human elements;" and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has a rich history, culture, economic presence, and vibrant population that continue to have a pivotal role in the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Kentuckians of all ages and others who know the greatness of the Commonwealth will benefit from the information in Clark's Kentucky Almanac and Book of Facts 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's Historian Laureate, Dr. Thomas D. Clark, along with numerous Kentucky experts, are contributing important and fascinating information about the Commonwealth to Clark's Kentucky Almanac and Book of Facts 2006 that will further knowledge and understanding about the Bluegrass State; and

WHEREAS, Through the perseverance and foresight of Sam Stephens of Clark Publishing and Communications, Clark's Kentucky Almanac and Book of Facts 2006 will become a unique and continuing source of information about, and insight into, the Commonwealth for anyone who chooses to explore its pages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERNIE FLETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2005, as

KENTUCKY ALMANAC DAY

in the Commonwealth, and also recognize this day as Kentucky Statehood Day.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 27th day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Five and in the 213th year of the Commonwealth.

ERNIE FLETCHER
GOVERNOR

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State