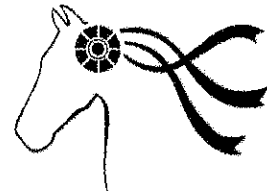


**NATIONAL
TRAVEL &
TOURISM
WEEK** MAY 7-13, 2017



**Saddlebred Capital of the World
SHELBYKY TOURISM**

Whereas travel has a positive effect on Kentucky and the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad, it also impacts business productivity and to individual travelers' well-being.

Whereas travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.3 trillion in economic output in 2016, with \$990.3 billion spent directly by travelers.

Whereas travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 15.3 million jobs in 2016, including 8.6 million directly in the travel industry and 6.7 million in other industries.

Whereas travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$157.8 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs.

Whereas Kentucky generated \$13.7 billion in 2015 and Shelby County generated \$63.7 million in direct travel expenditures, saving each taxpayer \$669 annually, and employing 1,358 people.

Whereas international travel to the United States is the nation's No. 1 services export. In 2016, travel generated \$246 billion in exports, creating a \$87 billion trade surplus for the United States.

Whereas leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships.

Whereas travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors.

Now, therefore, I Mayor Steve Eden, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2017 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Simpsonville, Kentucky and urge the citizens of Simpsonville, KY to join me in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

Mayor

