

# STATE OF KANSAS



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, children are the future of Kansas and every child deserves to live and grow in a safe, loving, and affirming home; and

WHEREAS, foster care provides such a home to children who cannot remain in their own because their families are experiencing great hardships; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is committed to supporting the well-being, safety, and stability of children in foster care and their families; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,890 children in foster care in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, each day foster families, relatives, and kinship caregivers open their homes and hearts to children in foster care, making personal sacrifices to provide these children care, support, and a nurturing environment during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, these individuals deserve to be recognized for the role they play in empowering Kansas children and helping families in foster care overcome their hardships and reconnect; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month is an opportunity to honor the tireless work of the public and private child welfare professionals, foster parents, relative and kinship caregivers, tribal organizations, and advocates throughout Kansas that provide children in foster care with the resources, supports, and care they deserve; and

WHEREAS, the state of Kansas recognizes these individuals and all those involved with foster care for their commitment to and work towards the safety, permanency, and well-being of Kansas children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

### Foster Care Month

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
May, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

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Secretary of State

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