

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
by the
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 was recorded in Kansas on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, since this day, close to 5,000 Kansans and more than 516,000 Americans have died due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, despite facing conflict and adversity, Kansans from all communities have stepped up for their neighbors, made difficult decisions, and followed the public health guidance to keep one another safe; and

WHEREAS, healthcare workers and local public health officials in Kansas have worked on the frontlines for months to care for Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Kansas educators had to quickly pivot to virtual instruction to protect themselves, their students, and their communities at-large during the 2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, Kansas small businesses took the appropriate steps to protect their customers and maintain a healthy workforce while meeting their bottom lines; and

WHEREAS, meatpacking plant workers, grocery store employees, and every essential worker in Kansas put themselves in danger to ensure Kansans had the necessary supplies and could put food on the table; and

WHEREAS, local reporters prioritized facts and science to keep the public informed and updated on the constantly changing evolution of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, while there is light at the end of the tunnel and vaccines are currently being allocated, Kansans must remain vigilant by wearing a mask, social distancing, practicing good hygiene and following the public health experts to further slow the spread; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has impacted every county and municipality in Kansas, the nation, and across the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim
March 7, 2021 as

COVID MEMORIAL DAY

throughout the State of Kansas and urge all citizens to observe this month and to pay tribute to those lost to COVID-19 on March 7, 2021 with appropriate, safe ceremonies.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 7th day of
March, A.D. 2021



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State

Scott Schuchert

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