

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the state of Kansas is widely recognized as a center of high-quality beef cattle, ranking third in the United States with 6.5 million cattle in Kansas ranches and in feed yards; and

WHEREAS, beef cattle provide a great benefit to the state of Kansas, contributing more than \$12.9 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Kansas exported \$1.71 billion in fresh, chilled, and frozen beef to countries around the world last year; and

WHEREAS, Kansas cattle ranchers protect and preserve our natural resources while raising safe, nutritious and wholesome beef for consumers around the world; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is committed to growth in the beef industry and supports the efforts to add value to our beef products before they leave the state; and

WHEREAS, in the public interest and the advancement of the entire beef industry, the Kansas Beef Council, Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas Farm Bureau, in cooperation with the state's livestock and meat industry, are sponsoring a beef celebration month in the state of Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize May 2022 as

## Kansas Beef Month

Throughout Kansas and I encourage all citizens to support the largest sector of our state's agricultural industry and join in a celebration to promote and celebrate beef in Kansas.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

