

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to nearly 650,000 older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

WHEREAS, Kansas communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and the eleven local Area Agencies on Aging recognize older Kansans are diverse, respected citizens who contribute to our nation's social enjoyment and financial prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, through the Older Americans Act, the Kansas aging network provided more than 44,000 hours of in-home services, 5,000 hours of legal services, 2,500 hours of case management, and a total of 3,084,983 meals; and

WHEREAS, Kansas benefits when there is access to programs that support building relationships and social capital, quality medical care, and specialized services to meet the needs of older Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Kansas can work to build an even better community for older Kansans by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other, engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service, and increasing access to services that support aging in place; and

WHEREAS, this year's Older Americans Month national theme "Age My Way" focuses on how older Americans can age in their communities and live independently for as long as possible and participate in ways they choose.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2022 as

Older Americans Month

in the state of 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 1st day of
May, A.D. 2022



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab

Secretary of State

Jennifer Perle

Assistant Secretary of State