

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month provides us with the opportunity to express deep appreciation for the Latino and Hispanic community since its initiation in 1968; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the important contributions from the Latino and Hispanic community in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' state agencies are becoming more culturally-sensitive and more accessible, creating materials that better meet the needs of the Latino and Hispanic community, including offering materials in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) is expanding its mission of recruiting, retaining, and reactivating participants in outdoor recreation through the implementation of its "Afuera para todos" language access program to be more inclusive of the Latino and Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, during the current pandemic, Kansas state parks are a great place for all, including the Latino and Hispanic community, to maintain safe social distances while staying active and healthy across the state

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinos have participated in the growth and development of our state and our country through their labor that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population is estimated at 52 million people, representing over 17% of the population, recognized as the largest ethnic minority in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census will take place in 2020; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the practices of commitment to family, love of country, respect for others and other virtues that reflect the true American spirit and are nobly exemplified by the Hispanic American community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

Hispanic Heritage 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly  
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

