

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, active and engaged citizens are critical to the success of our democracy at the national, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates the health of communities and community members is linked to their level of voter participation showing the tangible way civic engagement is connected to the wellbeing of Kansans; and

WHEREAS, many Kansans are not able to vote or have their vote counted solely because they miss the 21-day registration deadline, do not update their registration information, or are unfamiliar with how to register; and

WHEREAS, national voter turnout for the November 2018 election was 12.5% higher than the 2014 election, particularly among 18- to 29-year-olds, which increased 79%; the largest percentage point increase for any age group; and

WHEREAS, while voter participation in the 2018 election was the highest for a mid-term since at least 1978, still only 53% of eligible voters cast ballots and, in particular, only 32% of eligible young adults voted; and

WHEREAS, young voters will be important to the outcome of the November 3rd, 2020 election for President, United States Senate, Kansas statehouse, and local races; and

WHEREAS, any Kansas resident and United States citizen may register to vote if they will be at least 18 by the next statewide general election including this year's election; and

WHEREAS, 2020 is the centennial anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge efforts to protect and expand the voting rights of all Americans continues and remains pertinent today; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 created unprecedented challenges that have hindered in-person voter registration opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the need for diverse partners such as nonprofits, libraries, businesses, colleges and universities, and more to work in the communities they serve to register citizens to vote; and

WHEREAS, we encourage Kansas residents to register to vote by the deadline of Tuesday, October 13th, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim September 22nd, 2020 as

National Voter Registration Day

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 22nd day of
September, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Laura Kelly in blue ink.

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State

Handwritten signature of the Assistant Secretary of State in blue ink.

Assistant Secretary of State

