TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, we can build healthier, safer, and thriving communities if we take the same approach to raising families that we do to tending a community garden on a shared piece of land; and

WHEREAS, children are locally grown and have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, hope and commitment are powerful fertilizers that strengthen and support Kansas' families thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners to nurture, heal, and grow together because prevention happens in partnership; and

WHEREAS, by growing a better tomorrow for all children, together, we can ensure that Kansas' children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation.

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

Child Abuse Prevention 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 1st day of April, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State