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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-07

Supporting Kansas veterans with the establishment of a new state veterans' home

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas recognizes the great service to our country our veterans have given;

WHEREAS, there is a large concentration of retired veterans in northeast Kansas and the two current Kansas veterans' homes are located in the south and west regions of Kansas;

WHEREAS, Kansas veterans organizations have made it clear that a new veterans home in northeast Kansas is a top priority, and the possibility of constructing a new veterans' home in northeast Kansas has been the subject of significant study;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has a grant program for construction of veterans homes that pays for up to 65% of construction costs;

WHEREAS, constructing a new building designed to serve as a veterans' home would likely be more efficient and effective than using an older building not originally built to serve as a veterans' home;

WHEREAS, the Kansas development finance authority has the authority or can be given the authority to issue one or more series of revenue bonds pursuant to the Kansas Development Finance Authority Act for Kansas to receive grant approval from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby direct and order the following:

1. On or before April 15, 2022, the director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs office shall submit an initial application to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to the state veterans home construction grant program authorized under 38 U.S.C. §§ 8131 through 8138, for construction of a state veterans home in northeast Kansas.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order 21-07 and is effective immediately.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR 

DATED March 2, 2021

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