

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to almost 700,000 persons 60 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, Kansas includes a growing number of older Americans who have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the older population is inclusive of diverse, respected citizens who contribute to our nation's social enjoyment and financial prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Kansas benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to share their successes and stories of resilience; and

WHEREAS, Kansas recognizes our need to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive in times of both joy and difficulty; and

WHEREAS, Kansas can foster communities of strength by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other, engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service, and encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience; and

WHEREAS, this year's Older Americans Month national theme "Communities of Strength" reinforces the resilience of older adults facing challenges and their incredible courage demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme Kansas weather.

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

Older Americans 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
May, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State

Sandy Tompkins
Assistant Secretary of State

