

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansans continue to defend our nation's liberties and freedoms, and Armed Forces Appreciation Day is an opportunity for Kansans to show their appreciation for this service, as well as the significant social and economic impact that the military – Active, Reserve, and National Guard – has in the state of Kansas and around the world; and

WHEREAS, all Kansas military installations and units serve vital roles in supporting our national defense; Kansas' military installations – Forbes Field, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Great Plains Joint Training Center, and McConnell Air Force Base – contribute over \$9 billion to the Gross State Product and generate over \$350 million in property and income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Military Council understands the importance of the military missions and the economic impact that military bases, families, and retirees have on Kansas; the Governor's Military Council provides steadfast support of the military infrastructure in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas continues to maintain and sustain close and effective cooperation with various military installations and units, the private sector, and state and local governments to facilitate the enhancement and continued strengthening of military activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas continues to recognize not only the sacrifice of those in uniform but also the sacrifice of the families of the fallen by the passage of Senate Bill 330, which finances the creation and construction of a permanent memorial honoring Kansas Gold Star Families on the Kansas State Capitol grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2023, as

Armed Forces Appreciation Day

in the state of 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
March, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

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Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State