

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, ever since Jewish immigrants first arrived to the shores of the United States of America in the 16th century, Jewish people have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the theological and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights movement, the United States' commitment to social justice, and many of the United States' most central tenets; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Community has helped define the United States' character and values through core Jewish beliefs, including the importance of education in the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, the United States was the first country in the world to recognize the State of Israel in 1948, and over the years has developed a deep friendship with the State of Israel based upon shared values and mutual interests; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel is now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its modern founding and its emergence as a world leader in technology, agriculture, water conservation and medicine; and

WHEREAS, Kansas engages in trade and other relations with the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, for forty-two years, every President of the United States has declared a period of time for celebrating the contributions to the United States and the Jewish community's history, heritage, and culture, and since 2006, the month of May has been Presidentially declared to be Jewish American Heritage Month, pursuant to a bipartisan resolution of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, it is important to commemorate and honor the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America and the State of Kansas.

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

Jewish American Heritage Month

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 29th day of
March, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schulz

Secretary of State

Cheryl L. Paul

Assistant Secretary of State

