

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on average, more than 40% of fatalities occur on rural roads in the U.S. each year; and

WHEREAS, there were 257 people killed in Kansas rural road crashes in 2021 - this equates to 60% of all fatalities across the state; and

WHEREAS, rural drivers are less likely to be restrained, especially pick-up truck drivers; and

WHEREAS, rural road users may have increased times in receiving emergency response and post-crash care resources in comparison to urban road users; and

WHEREAS, to reach your destination safely, motorists need to drive defensively and expect the unexpected; and

WHEREAS, lack of belt use, speeding and impaired driving are all leading causes of rural road crashes and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, this safety campaign stresses how important it is to never drive impaired, obey the posted speed limits, eliminate distractions and buckle up, every trip, every time; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about rural road safety will save lives and put the state of Kansas on the path to Drive to Zero traffic fatalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, the week of July 17-21, 2023, as

Rural Road Safety Awareness Week

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 28th day of
June, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Scheub
Secretary of State

Jennifer Leach
Assistant Secretary of State

