

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable resource; and,

WHEREAS, we are dependent on clean waters and serve as stewards of the water upon which current and future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, the nation marks the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, which aimed to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in the nation's water to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters; and

WHEREAS, this environmental legislation that has been central to the progress we have made as a state in improving the quality and health of our rivers, streams, reservoirs, wetlands, and watersheds; and

WHEREAS Kansas' 316 reservoirs, over 28,000 miles of rivers and streams and 56,000 acres of wetland provide our citizens with numerous recreational and commercial opportunities and greatly enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, clean water plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of Kansas by providing a sustainable resource for agriculture, supplying municipal growth and industrial development, supporting a robust tourism industry, and sustaining our unique aquatic environments; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment remains committed to protecting and improving the health and environment of all Kansans; and,

WHEREAS the citizens of our state are called upon to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities, and to join in and encourage all citizens to work together to appreciate and to protect clean water as a vital resource for our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2022, as

50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

*Scott Schuab*  
Secretary of State

*Jennifer Cook*  
Assistant Secretary of State