

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, acquired brain injury is often overlooked and underfunded, and affects thousands of Kansans each year; and

WHEREAS a traumatic brain injury (TBI) is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to, or penetration of, the head that disrupts the normal function of the brain; and

WHEREAS, more than 21,000 Kansans are currently living with the long-term effects of a brain injury; and

WHEREAS, falls are a leading cause of brain-related injuries; they can also be the result of motor vehicle crashes, assaults, sports-related injuries, occupational-related injuries, or opioid overdoses; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury has been the signature injury of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, treatment is often complicated by high rates of PTSD and suicide, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families in the state; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of sports-related injuries happen among youth five and 19 years of age, and, because the signs of brain injury are not always well recognized, youth may put themselves at risk for another injury and potentially fatal second-impact syndrome; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 3.8 million mild traumatic brain injuries, often called concussions, occur in the United States per year during competitive sports and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, as many as 50 percent of mild traumatic brain injuries go unreported or undetected; and

WHEREAS, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive, and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, March has been designated as National Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote awareness of the extent, consequences, causes, treatments, and prevention of acquired brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of Kansas is dedicated to raising awareness of brain injury.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2022 as

Brain Injury Awareness 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 1st day of
March, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

Jennife Cook
Assistant Secretary of State