STATE OF KANSAS

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic presents unprecedented challenges to Kansans and to our state government; and

WHEREAS, this public health emergency has required the government to take emergency action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and through those actions and the individual conduct of Kansans, the daily numbers of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths as a result of COVID-19 have been steadily decreasing, though new cases continue to arise and present new threats to the state; and

WHEREAS, the presence and threat of COVID-19 has wreaked economic destruction across Kansas' economy, with businesses closed, revenues plummeting, and unemployment rising at historic rates to historic levels; and

WHEREAS, a state of disaster emergency must be in place for the Division of Emergency Management and other state agencies to conduct emergency response activities such as providing medication, testing supplies, personal protective equipment, food assistance, and other essential emergency services across the state; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Management Act, a state of disaster emergency can extend for more than 15 days only with the consent of the State Finance Council or the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the stability of our economy and the safety of Kansans depend on the Legislature extending of the state of disaster emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Kansas, do hereby call the

Legislature of the State of Kansas into Special Session

at the Capitol in Topeka, Kansas, on the 3rd day of June, 2020, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m., to extend the state of disaster emergency and to enact appropriate amendments to the Emergency Management Act so as to provide for emergency response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 26th day of
May, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR: Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State