

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living and visiting Kansas; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, there were 2,621 home fires in Kansas in 2018, which accounted for 33 deaths and 189 injuries; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds, Kansas' residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Kansans who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and therefore will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Kansans should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, Kansans should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; and

WHEREAS, Kansans should teach children to escape on their own in the event an adult cannot help them; and

WHEREAS, Kansans should make sure everybody in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone. They should practice using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, in a real emergency, they should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly, and they should get out and stay out, never going back inside to look for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Kansans are responsive to public education measures and can act to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week TM theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby declare the week of October 6th-12th, of 2019, as

Fire Prevention Week

in Kansas and I urge all Kansans to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or another emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting immediately, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Kansas' fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
October, A.D. 2019

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Laura Kelly in blue ink.

Secretary of State

Handwritten signature of the Assistant Secretary of State in blue ink.
Assistant Secretary of State

