

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups of people, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, disease-related malnutrition is a very common form of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, over 2 million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year; and

WHEREAS, each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, readmitted malnourished patients are twice as likely to be diagnosed with an infection; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have three times the mortality rate of mortality of all hospitalized patients with readmitted malnourished; and

WHEREAS, twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, and plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS, awareness, intervention and diagnosis are key to improving malnutrition in the United States

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

Malnutrition 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 18th day of
September, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schubert

Secretary of State

Jennifer Cook

Assistant Secretary of State