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
Secretary of State

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Secretary of State