

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and a social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, also known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, 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, malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation which can be further compounded by food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, twenty to forty percent of adults are at risk of, or experience, malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim August 2026, 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 15th day of
July 2026



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab

Secretary of State

Sandy Tompkins

Assistant Secretary of State