

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, 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, nutrition is a human right and social determinant of health, and malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, readmitted malnourished patients have 22% higher hospital costs than readmitted patients with no malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have three times the mortality rate of mortality of all hospitalized patients; 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, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, September 16-20, 2024, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, A.D. 2024

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

*Scott Schuler*

Secretary of State

*Jim Blum*

Assistant Secretary of State