

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Sexual Violence Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, national statistics indicate that 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Kansas through increased education, awareness and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program and the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence supports the efforts of national, state and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April of 2014, as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in Kansas and encourage all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that promote awareness and prevention of the crime of sexual assault

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 20th day of
March, A.D. 2014

BY THE GOVERNOR:



Sam Brownback

Kurt T. Johnson

Secretary of State
[Signature]

Assistant Secretary of State