

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION by the GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, stalking is a crime in Kansas; stalking is intentionally or recklessly engaging in a course of conduct targeted at a specific person which would cause a reasonable person in the circumstances to fear for their or their family member's safety or engaging in a way in which the stalking individual knows that what they are doing will place the targeted person in fear for their safety; it is also targeting the victim after being served with a protection order; context is key in regards to stalking; and

WHEREAS, 630 stalking offenses were reported by law enforcement agencies in Kansas in 2020; there were at least 1,601 victims of stalking who reached out for victim services, and there were 4,201 protection from stalking orders requested in the state in 2020; 1 in 6 women and 1 in 17 men in the U.S. have experienced stalking; and

WHEREAS, 54% of femicide victims in the U.S. reported stalking to the police before they were killed by their stalkers; in 89% of completed and 76% of attempted femicides, there was at least one episode of stalking the year prior; and

WHEREAS, 46% of victims experienced one or more violent incidents by their stalker; 81% of women who were stalked by a current or former husband or cohabiting partner were also physically assaulted by that partner; and 31% of women stalked by an intimate partner were also sexual assaulted; the average duration of active intimate partner stalking and impact for victims is 2 years; and

WHEREAS, one stalking incident was reported every 13 hours, 54 minutes in Kansas in 2020; and

WHEREAS, communities can better combat stalking by increasing awareness, adopting coordinated responses and policies, and supporting victims and victim services providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the month of December 2021 as

Stalking Awareness Month

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 1st day of
December, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

