

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Johnson County and the State of Kansas will always support our military and their families who have defended our Nation's timeless truths and great freedoms; and

WHEREAS, many of our brave men and women in uniform have paid the ultimate sacrifice while ensuring our country remains the land of the free and the home of the brave; and

WHEREAS, their heroic actions will never be forgotten and are forever etched in the pages of our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, these selfless military members have left behind fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, spouses, and children who mourn their loss; and

WHEREAS, these families who have lost a loved one in defense of freedom are recognized as Gold Star Families; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, Congress designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day"; and

WHEREAS, this day is now commonly known as "Gold Star Mother's and Family Day" and is an opportunity to recognize and honor the entire family of our fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, the first Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in the State of Kansas by the "Woody" Williams Foundation will be dedicated on Friday, September 25, in Olathe's Veterans Memorial Park in Johnson County, Kansas to embody the respect and gratitude we have for our fallen heroes and Gold Star Families; and

WHEREAS, Kansans support our Gold Star Families and commend their courage and resiliency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim September 27th, 2020 as

Gold Star Mother's and Family Day

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to express their sympathy and esteem for our Gold Star Families and the loved ones they lost in military service.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 27th day of
September, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Secretary of State

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary of State