STATE OF KANSAS

# PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS; Flood Awareness Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for and understanding flooding in Kansas, and to encourage all citizens to better prepare their homes, businesses and communities for the upcoming flood season; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies flooding as one of the costliest types of natural disaster in Kansas, in terms of lives lost, injuries and property damage; and

WHEREAS, floods threaten people, homes and other property in every county in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, floods can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning; and

WHEREAS, damage from a flood is not normally covered under a standard homeowners policy; and

WHEREAS, spring and summer flooding in 2013 saw three flood deaths in Kansas and widespread flooding across the State; and

WHEREAS, this winter has already seen flooding in Cherokee County and this spring will bring seasonal rainfall, which can bring the potential for flooding; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service will initiate Spring Seasonal Weather Awareness on March 1, 2016:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize March 21-25, 2016, as

## FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 12th day of February, A.D. 2016

BY THE GOVERNOR: Sam Brownback

Kris W. Kobach
Secretary of State

Desiree Tatlow
Assistant Secretary of State