TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Flood Safety 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, 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 homeowner’s insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, spring and summer flooding in 2015, 2016 and 2017 saw six flood deaths in Kansas and widespread flooding across the state; and

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

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service will initiate National Severe Weather Awareness Week on March 4, and the Kansas Adjutant General all believe awareness of the dangers and costs of floods is important to all the citizens of Kansas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Colyer, M.D., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize March 4-10, 2018, as FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK.

Throughout Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 20th day of February, A.D. 2018.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
Assistant Secretary of State