

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, physician assistants (PAs) are licensed medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, PAs are trusted and compassionate healthcare providers who practice in every medical setting and specialty, improving access to care for patients across urban centers, rural communities, and underserved areas alike; and

WHEREAS, the first Physician Assistant education program in Kansas was established at Wichita State University, with its inaugural class graduated in 1975 and the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants was also established in 1975 to improve and expand the quality of medical care of the citizens of Kansas by promoting the profession and providing medical education resources to PAs, and since then, PAs have grown into a vital part of our state's healthcare system, with over 1,739 PAs licensed in the state today; and

WHEREAS, PAs in Kansas provide high-quality, patient-centered care and play a key role in addressing healthcare shortages and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of care delivery; and

WHEREAS, National Physician Assistant Week is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions that Physician Assistants make to the health and well-being of the people of Kansas and the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2025, as

National Physician Assistant Week

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 6th day of
October 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Scott Schubert

Secretary of State

Sandy Tompkins
Assistant Secretary of State