

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, we celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) this July 26th. President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and on September 17, 2008 President George W. Bush signed the ADA Amendments Act to re-establish the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Leader Bob Dole from Kansas played a leading role in the ADA's development and passage along with many Kansas advocates; and

WHEREAS, the ADA established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Kansas believes all people with disabilities are equal citizens and continues to work to make its programs, services, and activities accessible and usable to individuals with disabilities including community inclusion through such programs as Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and making people with disabilities full partners in emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has affirmed its commitment to expanding integrated employment opportunities for people with disabilities through programs, such as, implementation of the Employment First policy and summits, the employment pilots in the KanCare program, the Work and Working Healthy programs, the Kansas Bidders Preference Program for Kansas contractors who hire people with disabilities and who purchase from Use vendors, and the Career Tech Education program which expands vocational training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act was passed which allows greater access to economic and community opportunities and in 2019 raising the protected income level for people on HCBS allowing them to have more money to live on while receiving in-home support; and

WHEREAS, on the 32nd anniversary of the ADA, the State of Kansas celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made and we should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2022 as

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 32nd  
Anniversary

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*  
*Scott Lell*  
Secretary of State  
*Sandy Tompkins*  
Assistant Secretary of State