TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the discovery of antibiotics 90 years ago revolutionized health care, dramatically reducing illness and death from infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics—in people, in pets, and in agricultural animals—leads to antibiotic resistance; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance has become a major threat to public health, jeopardizing the ability of health care professionals to fight infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance is making critical drug choices for treatment of bacterial infections increasingly limited, expensive, and—in some cases—nonexistent; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 2 million people in the United States contract antibiotic-resistant infections and more than 23,000 of those people die; and

WHEREAS, time is quickly running out to protect antibiotics and preserve their ability to save lives; and

WHEREAS, appropriate use of antibiotics is the only way to preserve their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, antibiotics are prescribed by a variety of health professionals to people, pets, and agricultural animals in Kansas, appropriate prescribing is truly a “One Health” mission and will require a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of this threat to public health and educating about appropriate antibiotic use promises to change attitudes and behaviors of health care professionals and the general public alike, leading to the proper prescribing and use of antibiotics—preserving their revolutionary ability to save lives for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Colyer, M.D., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018 to be

Use Antibiotics Wisely Week

throughout the State of Kansas and urge all health care professionals to observe this week with activities dedicated to raising awareness about appropriate antibiotics prescribing and use; and urge all Kansans to join in the effort to protect antibiotics for the sake of our health today and for generations to come.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 22nd day of October, A.D. 2018

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[Signature]

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State