

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance is an ongoing major threat to public health, creating limitations on available treatments for bacterial infections thus jeopardizing the ability of healthcare professionals to fight infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic-resistance increases 4-fold or more when antibiotics are used inappropriately for viral infections such as COVID-19 giving this pandemic the potential to kill many more Kansans indirectly by driving antibiotic-resistant infections; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 2.8 million people in the United States contract antibiotic-resistant infections and more than 35,000 of those people die, and antibiotic-resistant infections are projected to kill 10 million people globally every year by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is the 8th highest antibiotic prescribing state with 904 antibiotic prescriptions per 1000 population, and in the bottom three states in the nation for implementing antibiotic stewardship programs in our healthcare facilities; 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 healthcare 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, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 18<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as

Use Antibiotics Wisely 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State  
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