

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are victims of crime each and each crime affects many more, including family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, crime exacts a physical, emotional, and financial toll on Kansans of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, every Kansan has a stake in safeguarding a victim's right to be treated with empathy, dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, our shared goal is to ensure victims of crime possess a meaningful role in the criminal justice process and are, therefore, empowered to seek justice; and

WHEREAS, victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and, other crimes; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21–27, 2013, provides an opportunity to celebrate the dedication that launched the victims' rights movement and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

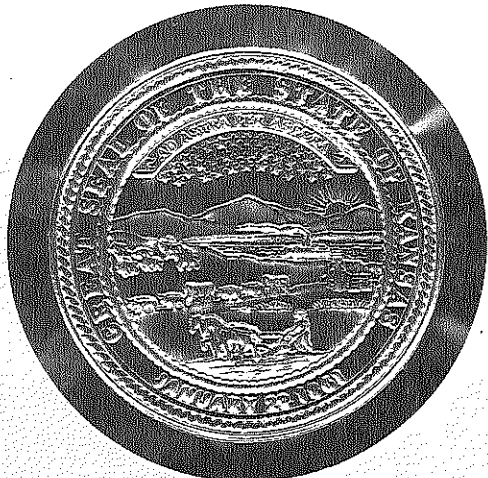
WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Corrections' Office of Victim Services is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Kansas and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, of 2013, as

*National Crime Victims' Rights Week*

in Kansas and reaffirm this State's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
March, A.D. 2013



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State  
  
Assistant Secretary of State