

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, school social workers are employed by school districts and Special Education Cooperatives throughout Kansas to enhance the social, emotional, and educational well-being of children, families and staff; and

WHEREAS, school social workers are responding to the increased mental health needs of children, families, and staff throughout the state by continuing to address the social, emotional, physical and academic needs of all students, including students whose needs require special education support as well as students within the general education setting; and

WHEREAS, school social workers play a pivotal role in identifying students with exceptionalities by providing whole student support, adaptive functioning analyses, behavioral observations, consultation on student interventions and expertise with special education policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, school social workers provide schools with systems level support by working to implement initiatives such as: Ci3T, Multi-Tier System of Supports, and Positive Behavior Supports; and

WHEREAS, school social workers provide significant support to vulnerable populations such as: students in foster care, students with diagnosed and undiagnosed mental health disorders, students involved in the juvenile justice system, those facing homelessness and other home environment issues, migrant children, those at high risk for truancy and/or dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, school social workers highlight student voices and needs by implementing interventions that have assisted in identify mental health needs earlier, improve student attendance, increase safety in schools, and increase academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, school social workers are the vital link to providing collaboration between the home, school and community and mobilizing resources to ensure children are learning effectively in a safe environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, March 5-12, 2023, as

School Social Workers 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 5th day of
March, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

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Secretary of State

Clyde A. Bell

Assistant Secretary of State