

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, known as gout, is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

WHEREAS, gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life, requiring quality treatment as there is no current cure; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care for gout; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and

WHEREAS, stigma, lack of awareness and misinformation may hinder the necessary treatment for gout; and

WHEREAS, heightening public awareness can aid in reducing the unfair stigma people with gout may experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, May 22, 2023, as

Gout Awareness Day

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 22nd day of
May, A.D. 2023



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Scott Sells
Secretary of State
Sandy Tompkins
Assistant Secretary of State