

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first human inhabitants of the land that is now the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the history and culture of the State of Kansas have been significantly influenced by Native American tribes and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Native American customs and traditions are respected, celebrated and honored as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, We honor the contributions of Native Americans that have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of American today; and

WHEREAS, We honor the Native American Chairmen and tribal council members for their service as tribal leaders and role models, and for the continued contributions these men and women make to their tribal communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim February 8th of 2012, as the first

Native American Day at the Capitol

in Kansas and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 8th day of February, A.D. 2012

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary of State