

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, trenching and excavation work are common, yet hazardous construction operations performed every day; and

WHEREAS, the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), in partnership with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) share a belief that safe trenching and excavating are critical functions; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that both construction employers and employees who work in trenching and excavation have access to necessary education and training in identifying hazards associated with these activities; and

WHEREAS, companies around the state should acknowledge and draw attention to specific hazards related to working in and around trenches and excavations as trench collapse deaths are preventable with proper shielding, shoring, sloping, and training; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation commemorates the annual week to focus on education and training in trenching and excavating hazard awareness known as the "Trench Safety Stand Down" in partnership with NUCA, its Chapters, and OSHA;.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, June 19-23, 2023 as

Trench Safety Stand Down 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 14th day of
June, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schuch

Secretary of State
Jennifer Cook

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