

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Heartland Dispute Resolution Association, an association of dispute resolution professionals formed on October 12, 1989, has worked diligently to promote the use of dispute resolution as an effective means of managing public and private conflicts and disputes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas is committed to the use of dispute resolution for collaborative problem-solving, making Kansas a leader in providing statewide, integrated approaches to the effective resolution of community, court, and public policy disputes; and

WHEREAS, Kansas offers a wide variety of organizations and programs that support and provide dispute resolution services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of dispute resolution include fostering communication and cooperation; encouraging creative options and problem-solving; providing a confidential process for resolving disputes; offering a less costly and less time-consuming alternative to litigation; empowering participants to make informed decisions affecting their personal, professional, and business affairs; recognizing the interests of all involved parties; promoting future-oriented solutions; offering opportunities for education and referral to additional assistance; and supporting peaceful resolutions to community, school, and family conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Dispute Resolution Association has advanced the practice of dispute resolution by organizing and hosting virtual monthly educational webinars and by promoting dispute resolution throughout the State of Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as

Kansas Dispute Resolution Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 2026

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly  
Secretary of State

Jenniifer Lode  
Assistant Secretary of State

