

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, every year, 40,000 babies are born in the United States with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, and to honor dedicated health professionals who routinely screen for CHD or care for those with CHD; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public and provider awareness about congenital heart defect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim February 7th – 14th, of 2014, as

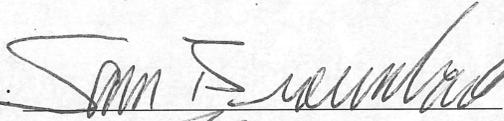
CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

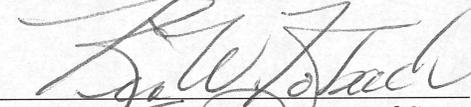
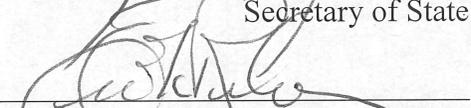
in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this recognition.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 3rd day of
February, A.D. 2014

BY THE GOVERNOR:






Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State