

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Kansas states the "We, the people of Kansas, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious privileges..."; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 stated: "It is impossible to build an empire without our Father's aid. I believe the sacred writings which say that 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it' (Psalm 127:1); and

WHEREAS, George Washington enunciated: "animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity, and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote: "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, advocated "the diffusion of the light of Christianity in our nation" in his Memorial and Remonstrance; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Henry quoted Proverbs 14:34 for our nation: "Righteousness alone can exalt a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people"; and

WHEREAS, George Mason, in his Virginia Declaration of Rights, forerunner to our U.S. Bill of Rights, affirmed: "That it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other"; and

WHEREAS, These, and many other truly great men and women of America, giants in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL GRAVES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim February 11-17, 2001 as

Christian Heritage Week



DONE At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 20th day of
July, A.D. 2000

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Bill Graves

Ron Thornburgh
Secretary of State

Pancy Ryan
Assistant Secretary of State