STATE OF KANSAS



TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, hunting in Kansas is enshrined in the state constitution, offering opportunities to connect with nature while providing food security and nutrition to hunters, their families and those less fortunate through community-based Hunters for the Hungry (HFH) programs; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry program, launched in 2001 in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), is hunters' common-sense answer to fighting hunger; and

WHEREAS, the KDWP is funded largely by hunters through the "user pays, public benefits" system known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, resulting in \$15,968,225 in Pittman-Robertson funding going back to the state in 2025 for its critical wildlife and habitat conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, honoring Kansas' rich hunting traditions takes on increased significance while promoting hunting as a food source, a right and a vital wildlife management tool; and

WHEREAS, Kansas encourages all hunters to donate surplus game meat and financially support local HFH programs as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the season of giving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 2025, as

Wild Game Meat Donation Month

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 31st day of October 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State