

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, no-kill is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved, and to ensuring that at least 90% of the companion animals that enter shelters leave them alive; and

WHEREAS, many loving and healthy animals are waiting for homes in shelters and rescues throughout Kansas, and many Kansas shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to the unnecessary killing of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, adoption provides dogs and cats a second chance at life and helps reduce the strain on overcrowded shelters, and promoting pet adoption supports animal welfare and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters can do this by employing lifesaving programs such as foster care networks; adoption programs; medical and behavioral programs; public education and awareness programs; community cat trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs; and animal socialization programs to prioritize lifesaving.

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

No-Kill Shelter Month

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

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DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 1st day of August 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State