

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, from the earliest days of the United States, the Ten Commandments have been part of the Nation's basic cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, the sixth President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, declared the Ten Commandments to be 'laws essential to the existence of men in society, and most of which have been enacted by every nation, which ever professed any code of laws'; and

WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments are a widely respected code of personal conduct and a declaration of fundamental principles for a fair and just society that transcend the diversity of cultural expression and faith in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a marble relief of Moses, the bearer of the Ten Commandments, is prominently displayed over the gallery doors of the chamber of the House of Representatives, in the United States Capitol; and

WHEREAS, images of the Ten Commandments are prominently displayed in many Federal buildings, such as the United States Supreme Court, National Archives, and Library of Congress; and

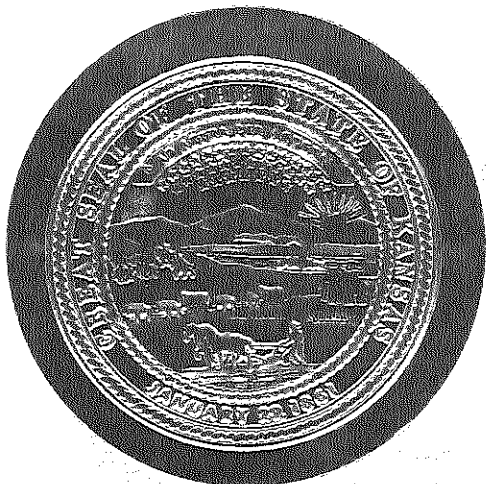
WHEREAS, in addition to being understood as an elemental source for United States law, the Ten Commandments have become a recognized symbol of law in the Nation's culture:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim May 7th -8th of 2011, as

Ten Commandments Weekend

in Kansas encourages citizens of all faiths and religious persuasions to reflect on the important impact that the Ten Commandments have had on the people and national character of the United States.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 22nd day of
April, A.D. 2011



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Sam Brownback

Lisa W. L. [Signature]
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State