

STATE OF KANSAS

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, As the number of older individuals, adults with severe disabilities, and individuals with Alzheimer's continues to increase, so does the need for caregivers; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of spouses, adult children, relatives, and friends are taking on the role of a caregiver, and we recognize it is not an easy role, nor is it one for which most of us are prepared; and

WHEREAS, Caregivers have a vital role in our communities, and by assisting individuals in maintaining their security, independence, and remaining in their homes, we recognize the many challenges they face, acknowledge their generous support, celebrate their dedication, and applaud their efforts in providing assistance and comfort to our aging population; and

WHEREAS, Caregivers deserve our gratitude and respect, and during this season of giving thanks, we encourage communities to acknowledge the valuable role caregivers play in the lives of others and participate in caregiver awareness activities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 2009, as

*Caregiver Awareness Month*

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, A.D. 2009

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Mark Parkinson*  
*Kon Schmid*  
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State