

# STATE OF KANSAS



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Safety and Health, has Safety and Health Consultants throughout the state of Kansas who are committed to saving lives and creating safer workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the Safety and Health Consultants provide training and education to workers to identify hazards, for management to follow-up on the hazards identified and for company safety committees and employees to participate in problem solving and implementation of corrective actions; and

WHEREAS, grain handling facilities are an OSHA emphasis program for the State of Kansas and the rest of OSHA Region VII; and

WHEREAS, since data started being gathered into Purdue's Agricultural Confined Space Incident Database in 1962 there have been over 2100 confined space incidents at grain storage and handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, accidents and injuries in grain handling facilities are preventable and employees must be engaged, educated and aware of unsafe conditions and unsafe behaviors; and

WHEREAS, safety stand-up events greatly increase the education and awareness of grain handling related hazards; and

WHEREAS, first-level supervisors and employees are the critical link to identifying hazards and maintaining a safe workplace; and

WHEREAS, all employees can benefit from taking time to focus on these hazards and reinforce the importance of safety in grain handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas encourages all employers and workers to contribute to this safety stand-up week and help make the State of Kansas a safe and healthy place to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

### Grain Safety Stand-Up Week

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

*Scott Schwab*  
Secretary of State

*Jennifer Cook*  
Assistant Secretary of State

