

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Dr. James A. Naismith invented the game of basketball in 1891 and would come to the University of Kansas in spring of 1898, bringing the game with him and establishing Kansas as the "Cradle of Basketball;" and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the first KU game was totaled at 150 of Kansas's newest basketball fans, and the Jayhawks would end up losing 16 to 5; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the legacy of KU men's basketball would continue to grow, boasting the longest streak of consecutive NCAA tournament appearances of all-time (32), two Helms Championships, ranking as the winningest program in NCAA Division I history with 2,357 wins, and now four NCAA National Championships; and

WHEREAS, the KU men's basketball team also ranks #1 in winning seasons, number of Consensus First Team All-Americans, consecutive 30-win seasons, and regular season conference championships; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 KU men's basketball team finished their season with a record of 34-6 and as Big 12 regular season co-champions, Big 12 tournament champions, and NCAA National Champions; and

WHEREAS, after trailing by a 16-point deficit during the 2022 National Championship game, the No. 1 seed Kansas men's basketball team rallied to beat No. 8 seed North Carolina, 72-69, to win the Jayhawks' fourth men's basketball NCAA national championship and the second of coach Bill Self's tenure; and

WHEREAS, Kansas's comeback was the largest in NCAA Championship Game history and the game's telecast was the third most-watched college basketball game in cable TV history; and

WHEREAS, the members of the KU men's basketball have committed countless hours on the court and in the classroom—in some cases, a few extra years on the court—and have brought great honor to their university, their community, and the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Jayhawk's historic win and continued legacy of success will undoubtedly mark this year's team's rightful place in men's college basketball history, as well as honor previous KU rosters that helped build the program to achieve this accolade; and

WHEREAS, the KU Men's basketball team did "just load the wagon."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2022 as the

KU Men's Basketball National Championship Victory Day

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, A.D. 2022



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*  
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*Scott Schwab*  
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Secretary of State  
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