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TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, school transportation personnel are responsible for the most precious cargo in Kansas – our children; and

WHEREAS, they perform outstanding service to the families of Kansas who depend on school transportation while traveling to and from school and school activities; and

WHEREAS, their dedication and commitment to sharing their knowledge and expertise about school transportation safety are unequaled; and

WHEREAS, they realize the responsibility they assume each time they sit in the driver's seat of a school vehicle; and

WHEREAS, their dedication has made school transportation the safest means of mass transportation in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are 4,366 school buses in Kansas that transport 188,848 students over 23 million miles a year; and

WHEREAS, school transportation employees meet the required safety courses each year, have an outstanding driving record, a good sense of humor and bottomless patience; and

WHEREAS, education begins and ends with school transportation, and that our transportation personnel ensure students have a good start on the day, they dry tears, dispel fears, find lost notebooks and most faithfully deliver students safely to their destinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2024, as

Kansas School Transportation Appreciation Day

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 25th day of September, A.D. 2024

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State