

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION CALLING THE LEGISLATURE INTO SPECIAL SESSION  
TO ADDRESS SCHOOL FINANCE

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has outstanding public schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has appropriated more than \$4 billion, a record amount of funding, to ensure the high quality of those public schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas recognizes the importance of high quality public schools in preparing our children to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 6(b) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas provides that the "legislature shall make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state;" and

WHEREAS, the ruling of the Kansas Supreme Court in *Gannon v. State of Kansas* has created an extraordinary occasion pursuant to Article 1, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which the Kansas Supreme Court has threatened to cause the closure of all Kansas public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Kansas, do hereby call the Legislature of the State of Kansas into Special Session to address school finance at the Capitol in Topeka, Kansas, on the 23rd day of June, 2016, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m., to enact legislation to respond to the ruling of the Kansas Supreme Court in *Gannon v. State of Kansas*.

DONE: At the Capitol in  
Topeka under the Great Seal  
of the State this 8th day of  
June, A.D. 2016



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State