



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, travel matters deeply to the economic prosperity of Kansas, as well as to business wealth and to comfort and pleasure of individual travelers; and

WHEREAS, tourism is responsible for creating 1.7 percent of the total Kansas Gross State Product and is the seventh largest industry in the state based on employment; and

WHEREAS, travel to and within Kansas provides significant economic benefits for the state, reaching \$6 billion in 2013, with total spending in support of tourism nearing \$6.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, travel is among Kansas' largest private-sector employers, supporting 61,373 core industry jobs in 2013 and an additional 21,891 indirect jobs supported by core tourism activity; and

WHEREAS, the total impact of the traveler industry in Kansas is \$9.5 billion, with 33.7 million people visiting the state in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the \$556 million in state and local revenues from visitor activity represents \$500 per household in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, leisure and business travel, taken in the Kansas, spurs countless benefits to travelers' creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity, relationships and wellness; and

WHEREAS, travel is a catalyst that moves local, state and national economies forward;

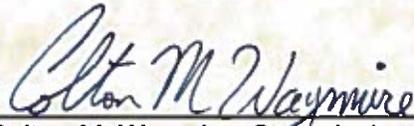
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the week of May 2 through 10, 2015, as

National Tourism Week

in Kansas and urge the citizens of Franklin County to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemoration.

Signed this 29th day of April, 2015.




Colton M. Waymire, Commission Chair

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