

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Chinese New Year, also known as Spring Festival, is the most important holiday in China and many Asian countries and is a time for family and friends to come together to reflect on the past and celebrate new beginnings; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is home to many Chinese-American citizens, visiting Chinese students and scholars and Chinese-American organizations that make incredible economic, social and cultural contributions to our state; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the University of Kansas Chinese Student & Scholar Friendship Association and various Kansas partners will host the 2012 Greater Kansas Chinese New Year Gala on Jan. 22 at the Lied Center in Lawrence. The event is designed to promote Chinese culture, cultivate U.S.-China friendship and provide opportunities for Kansans to learn about China; and

WHEREAS, The New Year Gala will be co-hosted by partners from throughout Kansas, including the Edger Snow Memorial Foundation, **Kansas City Chinese Association**, U.S.-China People Friendship Association, The Society for Friendship with China, Center for East Asia Studies, Xi'an Sister City Committee, Tsinghua University Alumni Association, and Chinese Student & Scholar Associations from the University of Kansas and many other schools, including Kansas State University, Emporia State University and University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese New Year is a unique opportunity to promote cultural exchange and the enrichment of diversity in local communities throughout Kansas:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> of 2012, as

*Chinese New Year Week*

in Kansas in an effort to promote Chinese culture, cultivate U.S.-China friendship and provide opportunities for Kansas citizens to learn about China.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, A.D. 2012

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Sam Brownback in black ink.

Handwritten signature of Kris W. Foltz in black ink.  
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

