

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1960, the voters of Kansas approved a constitutional amendment granting cities home rule authority. The Home Rule Amendment took effect in Kansas on July 1, 1961. Home Rule gives local government, specifically cities, the power to make decisions at the local level based on the unique needs and values of their residents; and

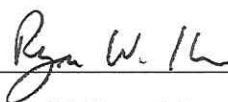
WHEREAS, cities across our great State manage differing opinions and views on issues ranging from zoning to funding for local services and programs. Home Rule keeps control of the community in the hands of local residents; and

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Amendment empowers cities to determine local affairs and government actions including the levying of taxes, fees, charges and other exaction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington, Kansas, and the League of Kansas Municipalities cities continually work to educate and engage municipal officials, the legislature, and the general public about the importance of Home Rule and local decision making; and

WHEREAS, the 60th anniversary of the passage of constitutional Home Rule is a fitting time for all municipalities to engage their residents to about the Kansas Constitution and local laws, so that all Kansans may continue to receive the many benefits of Home Rule.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Ryan Kern, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Kansas to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2021 and proclaim "Home Rule Day" in the State of Kansas.



Ryan W. Kern, Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise M. Powell, City Clerk

