

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1960, the voters of Kansas approved a constitutional amendment granting cities home rule authority, and this Home Rule Amendment that took effect in Kansas on July 1, 1961, 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, and Home Rule keeps control of our community in the hands of local residents; and

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

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

WHEREAS, this 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, Scott Rogers, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim **Monday, October 11, 2021**, as

HOME RULE DAY

in the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the Home Rule Amendment taking effect in Kansas, and urge all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Name/Title: Scott Rogers, Mayor

Date: October 5, 2021