

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Severe Weather Awareness Week is an annual opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for and understanding severe weather and flooding in Kansas, and to encourage all citizens to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities better for the upcoming storm and flood season; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies severe weather and flooding as some of the costliest types of natural disasters in Kansas, in terms of lost lives, injuries and property damage; and

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods annually threaten people, pets, livestock, homes and other property in every county in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods can happen anytime, anywhere and without prior warning; and

WHEREAS, flood damage is not normally covered under a standard homeowner's insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas, in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, will observe Severe Weather Awareness Week on **March 7-11**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kanyon Gingher, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim and recognize **March 7-11, 2022**, as

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in the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance with appropriate readiness and preparedness actions. I further call upon and urge all citizens to consider becoming more educated about severe weather threats by taking part in one of the annual sessions of "**Storm Fury on the Plains**" that will be offered virtually this year, online, by the National Weather Service in Wichita.

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

Name/Title: *Kanyon Gingher, Mayor*

Date: *March 1, 2022*