

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Arkansas City, Kansas**  
*Arkansas City*  
*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 17-23**.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim and recognize **March 17-23, 2024**, as

**SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**

in the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance with appropriate readiness and preparedness actions, and further call upon and urge all citizens to consider becoming more educated about severe weather threats by taking part in the annual presentation of "**Storm Fury on the Plains**" that will be offered this year at **6:30 p.m. on February 15, 2024**, at Cowley Cinema 8.

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

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Name/Title: Jay Warren, Mayor

Date: February 20, 2024