



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 weather events – including thunderstorms, lightening, tornadoes, large hail, high winds, and floods can annually threaten people, pets, livestock, homes and other property in every county in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, severe weather events can happen anytime, anywhere and without prior warning, so remaining informed and alert is a well-established part of Kansas culture; 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 2-6**; and,

WHEREAS, this week aims to educate residents on various severe weather topics and includes a state-wide tornado drill scheduled for Friday, March 6th at 11 a.m. in Cowley Co, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tad Stover, Mayor of City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim and recognize the first week of **March 2026**, 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, and further call upon and urge all citizens to consider becoming more educated about severe weather threats by taking part in the free annual presentation of "**Storm Fury on the Plains**" that will be offered this year at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026**, at Cowley Cinema 8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

TAD STOVER, MAYOR
February 17, 2026