



**GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-04**

Establishing the Governor's Military Council

**WHEREAS**, active duty, Reserve, and National Guard military units in Kansas contribute to peace for the state, nation, and world;

**WHEREAS**, military activities in Kansas provide thousands of jobs and more than \$10 billion annually for the Kansas economy;

**WHEREAS**, men and women in the military, and their families, contribute to the well-being of their communities and are important assets to our state;

**WHEREAS**, preserving military and related jobs benefits Kansas families and the Kansas economy;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas desires to strengthen and expand military facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas supports and appreciates the men and women who serve our nation;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Bill Graves established the Governor's Military Affairs Coordinating Council by Executive Order 98-5 on July 2, 1998, and the Council was to expire on May 1, 2000;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Graves issued three subsequent executive orders extending the Governor's Military Affairs Coordinating Council, and Governor Sebelius and Governor Brownback followed suit, issuing executive orders extending the Council's charge and renaming it the Governor's Military Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby incorporate by reference Executive Orders 98-5, 00-06, 02-05, 03-06, 05-01, 06-02 and 07-05 and continue the Governor's Military Council ("Council") until May 1, 2021, unless rescinded earlier or lengthened by executive order, with the following, procedures, purposes, and charges, which supersede any contradictory provisions in the executive orders named above:

1. The Council shall be composed of no more than eighteen members appointed by the Governor. The Governor will serve as the Chair of the Governor's Military Council and may designate other officers as deemed appropriate. The Lieutenant Governor will serve as the Vice Chair of the Governor's Military Council. Federal and state legislators,

representatives of Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University, and Base/Post Commanders may serve as ex-officio members of the Council.

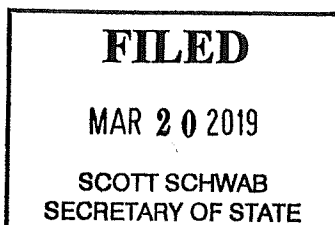
2. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the Council shall meet upon the call of the chair as necessary to carry out the duties outlined in this order.
3. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation, subsistence allowance, mileage or expense reimbursements from the State of Kansas. Officers or employees of state agencies who are appointed to the Council as part of their duties shall be authorized to participate on the Council and may claim subsistence, allowance, mileage or associated expenses as permitted by law.
4. The Council's duty will be to initiate, act upon, and consider all necessary strategies to
  - a. Optimize the military presence in Kansas, including recruitment and retention of new missions and force structure;
  - b. Actively foster close, effective cooperation among the installations and public and private sectors throughout the State;
  - c. Pursue initiatives to enhance the quality of life for our servicemen and women, veterans, and their families;
  - d. Promote Kansas as a desired location for all Department of Defense retirees and separating servicemembers;
  - e. Explore and develop outreach opportunities for individuals discharging or retiring from military service to use their talents and skills as members of the Kansas workforce;
  - f. Assist in the transfer of technology between the military and the private sector to enhance Kansas's competitive advantages in both the national and global markets; and
  - g. Assist in the development, coordination, and execution of strategy required by any future change in missions proposed by the Department of Defense.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 19-\_\_\_. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until May 1, 2021.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

DATED



Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State