TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Public Safety is one of the primary roles of state government; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 21-6620 through 21-6625, the “Hard 50” law, is an important tool used by Kansas prosecutors to protect the public from many of the most vicious murderers; and

WHEREAS, Experts in the field believe the United States Supreme Court’s ruling in Alleyne v. United States renders the “Hard 50” law unconstitutional and will, according to the Attorney General of Kansas “virtually guarantee” that dozens of violent offenders will receive significantly weaker sentences; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of Kansas has requested the Governor call a Special Session of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, As Governor, I have a responsibility to the victims, their families, and their communities to see that justice is served and the citizens of Kansas are protected from violent criminals, now and in the future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Kansas, do hereby call the

Legislature of the State of Kansas into Special Session to Protect the Safety of the Citizens of Kansas

at the Capitol in Topeka, Kansas, on the 3rd day of September, 2013, at the hour of 8:00 o’clock a.m., to enact legislation by 5:00 o’clock p.m. on the 5th day of September 2013 to respond to the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Alleyne v. United States.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 6th day of August, A.D. 2013

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[Signature]

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State