

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR**

PROCLAMATION CALLING THE LEGISLATURE INTO SPECIAL SESSION TO
PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS

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

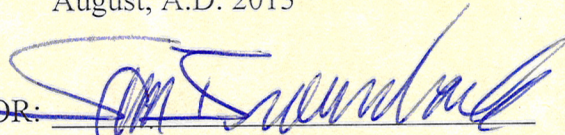
*Legislature of the State of Kansas into Special Session to
Protect the Safety of the Citizens of Kansas*

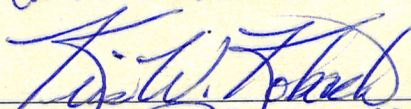
at the Capitol in Topeka, Kansas, on the 3rd day of September, 2013, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m., to enact legislation by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of September 2013 to respond to the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Alleyne v. United States*.

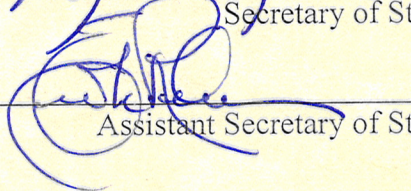
DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 6th day of
August, A.D. 2013



BY THE GOVERNOR:





Secretary of State


Assistant Secretary of State