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Governor Kelly signs proclamation naming March 4 Parents as Teachers Day in Kansas

PAOLA, KANSAS – March 2, 2020 – In recognition of its 30th anniversary as a Parents as Teachers (PAT) affiliate, Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly recently signed a proclamation naming March 4, 2020, as Parents as Teachers Day in Kansas. PAT is a non-profit internationally-recognized leader in the early childhood home visiting field. It maintains its headquarters in St. Louis, MO.

Gov. Kelly signed the proclamation from her office on February 28 before a host of local dignitaries, present and former PAT staffers and administrators, PAT state leaders, members of other social services organizations, and area families that receive PAT services.

“As an early adopter of the Parents as Teachers program, Kansas is celebrating our 30th year of Parents as Teachers,” said Kansas PAT Director Callie Peace. “On Wednesday, the State House will be filled with early learning advocates and PAT families, who will share their gratitude to the legislature of Kansas for its continued support of Parents as Teachers.”

Kansas Sen. Pat Pettey and State Rep. Brenda Dietrich will be making resolutions in both the Senate and the House as part of this day as well, Peace said. Joining them on the floors will be families that are currently enrolled in PAT and families of three generations of Parents as Teachers.

About Parents as Teachers
Parents as Teachers (PAT) builds strong communities, thriving families and children that are healthy, safe and ready to learn by matching parents and caregivers with trained professionals who make regular personal home visits during a child’s earliest years in life, from pregnancy through kindergarten. The internationally recognized evidence-based home visiting model is backed by 35 years of research-proven outcomes for children and families. PAT currently serves nearly 200,000 families in all 50 U.S. states, 115 Tribal organizations, six other countries, and one U.S. territory. Parents As Teachers National Center, Inc., is a non-profit organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri.
Posing in the rotunda of the Kansas State Capitol building with a proclamation signed by Gov. Laura Kelly naming March 4, 2020 Parents as Teachers Day in Kansas, from left are: Becky Peters, KPATA development director & Bright Futures program director; Erica Asuncion & Bailey Asuncion, current PAT family members; Cammie Braden, KPATA NE regional director; Nis Wilbur, KSDE Parents as Teachers State Leader; Jacki Himpel, KPATA president; Lynne Owen, retired KSDE Parents as Teachers State Leader; Nancy Keel, retired KPATA executive director; Callie Peace, KPATA executive director; Michelle Kelly, KPATA president-elect; and Nichole Fairley, KPATA Bright Futures Program Quality Initiatives director.