

**Dear Kansas Lawmakers,**

As a ministry dedicated to equipping and mobilizing the next generation to make an impact in their schools and communities, Zero Hour Ministries strongly supports extending the number of days available for fireworks sales in Kansas. Expanding the current sales window would create a huge opportunity for organizations like ours to raise essential funds that support youth initiatives, mentorship programs, and faith-based outreach across the state.

Many schools, churches, and nonprofits rely on fundraising efforts to sustain their programs, and operating a fireworks stand has proven to be one of the most effective ways to generate significant support. However, the current Kansas State Fire Marshal statute 22-6-5 states, "A seasonal retailer shall not sell fireworks, except during the fireworks season. The fireworks season shall be the period beginning on June 27 and ending on July 5 of each calendar year." We respectfully ask you to consider extending this window, as longer sales periods in neighboring states put Kansas organizations at a disadvantage in capturing potential revenue.

For reference, here are the legal fireworks sales windows in nearby states:

- **Missouri:** June 20 - July 10, and December 20 - January 2
- **Nebraska:** June 24 - July 5, and December 28 - January 1
- **Colorado:** June 15 - July 4
- **Oklahoma:** June 15 - July 6, and December 15 - January 2
- **Texas:** June 24 - July 4, December 20 - January 1, plus five additional special holidays, including Memorial Day

By aligning Kansas' regulations more closely with neighboring states, organizations like Zero Hour Ministries and many others would have a greater ability to raise the funds needed to invest in the next generation. Additionally, this change would keep more sales and tax revenue within Kansas, benefiting local communities and businesses.

While an extended sales period would require additional effort for those operating stands, we firmly believe the increased fundraising potential would be well worth it. We urge you to consider this change, as it would have a lasting impact on ministries, schools, and organizations working to make a difference in Kansas.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Zero Hour Ministries**