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KDOT recognizes drivers during National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

The Kansas Department of Transportation, along with American Trucking Associations, the Teamsters Union and the trucking industry, is highlighting the importance of professional truck drivers during National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, Sept. 12-18.

“KDOT salutes professional truck drivers for all they have done to carry America through the coronavirus pandemic and keep our economy and communities moving forward,” said Kansas Secretary Julie Lorenz. “As essential workers, the efforts and contributions of frontline truck drivers are deserving of America’s gratitude and appreciation. When the world stopped, they kept moving.”

More than 3.6 million professional truck drivers nationwide deliver the goods and products our communities need, from the food on the shelves in grocery stores, to the medical equipment in hospitals. Seventy percent of America’s freight tonnage is annually delivered by truck, which amounts to over 10 billion tons. These professional men and women log over 400 billion miles every year. Roughly, 80 percent of U.S. communities depend solely on the trucking industry as the only method to receive their goods and commodities.

“I invite all Kansans to join KDOT in recognizing the significant contributions our professional truck drivers make to our lives,” said Secretary Lorenz. “Their efforts contribute greatly to our quality of life and truly move our state and our nation forward.”

For more information on the trucking industry and the driver appreciation week, go to www.ntdaw.org.

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