



### GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

The Great Seal of the State of Kansas was established by a joint resolution adopted by the Kansas Legislature May 25, 1861. The seal is described in the resolution as follows:

"The east is represented by a rising sun, in the right-hand corner of the seal; to the left of it, commerce is represented by a river and a steamboat; in the foreground, agriculture is represented as the basis of the future prosperity of the state, by a settler's cabin and a man plowing with a pair of horses; beyond this is a train of ox-wagons, going west; in the background is seen a herd of buffalo, retreating, pursued by two Indians, on horseback; around the top is the motto, 'Ad astra per aspera,' and beneath a cluster of thirty-

four stars. The circle is surrounded by the words, 'Great seal of the state of Kansas. January 29, 1861.' "

The motto, "Ad astra per aspera," means "To the stars through difficulties," and was adopted as part of the Great Seal of the State of Kansas.

K.S.A. 73-702 states:

"The colors in the seal shall be as follows: Stars, silver; hills, purple; sun, deep yellow; glory, light yellow; sky, yellow and orange from hills half way to motto, upper half, azure; grass, green; river, light blue; boat, white; house, dark brown; ground, brown; wagons, white; near horse, white; off horse, bay; buffalo, dark, almost black; motto, white; scroll, light brown."