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**Make a difference – Adopt a highway**

Make a difference in your community and help the environment at the same time – join the Adopt-A-Highway program in Kansas.

The goal of the program is to clean along the roadways throughout the state to increase safety for motorists and pedestrians as well as improve the beauty of Kansas. This helps to raise awareness on the negative effects of pollution and the positive aspects of a clean community.

"Ulysses is on the direct route of highways to Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas; so our community sees quite a few travelers. The first statement, the first impression we make as a community is often the appearance of the town to the people as they drive in. As a member of the economic development board here in Ulysses, it helps bring people in to a town that looks well cared for. As a member of First United Methodist Church in Ulysses, we are proud of our community and proud to participate in Adopt a Highway," said Jeff Pflingsten, a member of First United Methodist Church in Ulysses.

Any non-profit group that does not discriminate upon the basis of race, religion or gender can join and there is no cost to the group. Members must be at least 11 years old and have adequate adult supervision. Groups have clean-ups three times a year and are recognized for their efforts with signs marking their sections of highway. Since spring 1990, thousands of groups have participated and a number of the original groups are still active today.

Adopt-A-Highway groups are gearing up for the annual Clean Up Kansas Campaign which takes place during the month of April. This event, as well as the program, is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Transportation. All Adopt-A-Highway groups are encouraged but not required to participate in the statewide event.

Groups clean their sections of roadway three times a year at their convenience. Most choose to schedule a clean-up time in the spring, summer and fall.

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