

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11-40  
NAMING THE BENNIE LEE GRAHAM MEMORIAL CEMETERY  
AT THE KANSAS JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas owns and operates the facility and grounds in Topeka, Kansas, known as the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex, as described in K.S.A. 76-2101, and amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility and grounds in Topeka, Kansas, presently known as the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex, was formerly known as: the "State Reform School" (1881); "The Boys' Industrial School, at Topeka" (1901); the "State Industrial School for Boys, at Topeka" (1907); the "Youth Center at Topeka" (1980); the "Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility" (1997); and the "Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex" (2008); and

**WHEREAS**, the control of such complex grounds is vested in the commissioner of juvenile justice for the use and benefit of the Kansas juvenile correctional complex, under the authority of K.S.A. 76-2125, and amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex grounds include a cemetery on the where twelve young men have been laid to rest from October 15, 1884, through September 19, 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, the cemetery on the complex grounds has been unnamed since the opening of the facility by the State of Kansas in 1881; and

**WHEREAS**, Bennie Lee Graham was a student at the state facility then known as the State Industrial School for Boys, at Topeka, from January 29, 1957, until his death on June 28, 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility cemetery was "lost" to the institution at the time of Bennie Lee Graham's death, and was overgrown with brush; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the facility cemetery being lost, Bennie Lee Graham was buried on July 1, 1957, in the "paupers section" of Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, Bennie Lee Graham could not be buried in the facility cemetery and have his final resting place with his fellow peers who died before him while residing at the State Reform School and the State Industrial School for Boys.

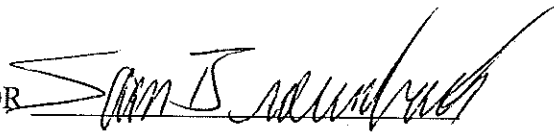
**NOW THEREFORE**, at the request of the commissioner of the juvenile justice authority and pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby name and designate the aforementioned cemetery: "The Bennie Lee Graham Memorial Cemetery" in memory of Bennie Lee Graham.

The commissioner of juvenile justice is hereby authorized to utilize existing budget resources to cause, and provide for the payment of the erection of proper signs, monuments and insignias commemorating and recognizing the above and foregoing name on this cemetery owned by the State of Kansas.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 11-40 and shall become effective immediately.

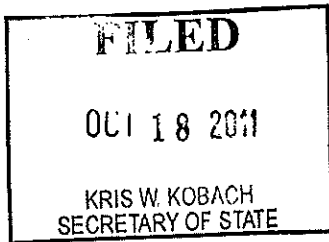
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE


BY THE GOVERNOR




DATED

10/18/11



  
Secretary of State

  
Assistant Secretary of State