Local Student Earns State Honors

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth County 5th grade student is named the winner of the 2017 Kansas Missing Children's Poster Contest.

11-year-old Kamryn Tuttle, of Lansing, who attends the Kansas School for the Deaf, in Olathe, earned the honor in the contest held to encourage child safety and raise awareness for those who are missing.

Tuttle's winning entry represents the state of Kansas in the annual national poster contest is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,

<u>As part of the award</u>, Tuttle met Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and KBI Director Kirk Thompson.

Thursday, May 25 is Kansas Missing Children's Day, as proclaimed by Governor Sam Brownback.

The proclamation calls on "all Kansans to join together in remembering the many children who remain missing, and to not waver in efforts to reunite them with their families."

Each year in Kansas, an average of 4,325 children are reported missing to the KBI's Missing Persons Clearinghouse, and last year over 465,000 children were declared missing by law enforcement nationally.

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