

STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Executive Department
State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

By the Governor

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kansas Emergency Management Act, Chapter 48, Article 9, of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, to meet the inherent dangers of disasters to which the State and its citizens have been exposed, and upon advice of the State Adjutant General as the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, I hereby proclaim a State of Disaster Emergency as follows:

NATURE OF THE DISASTER:

A large grassfire developed the evening of March 22nd near Alva, Oklahoma and spread north into Barber and Comanche Counties in Kansas during the evening and overnight hours of March 22nd. Strong winds and low humidity values resulted in a prolonged period of extreme grassland fire danger throughout the day and evening across the south central region, causing the grassfire to get out of control. Grassfires spread rapidly across portions of Barber and Comanche Counties, impacting personal property in rural and incorporated areas of the counties, resulting in voluntary evacuation of numerous locations and threats to multiple communities. In addition to the large grassfires in Barber and Comanche counties, large grassfires also developed in Harvey and Reno Counties during the evening hours of March 23rd.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:

March 22, 2016 and continuing

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

Barber, Comanche, Harvey, and Reno Counties.

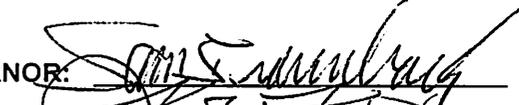
I hereby proclaim, direct and order the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas to activate the disaster response and recovery portions of the Kansas Response Plan. Local and inter-jurisdictional disaster plans applicable to the political subdivisions of areas affected by this Proclamation shall be coordinated by the Adjutant General.

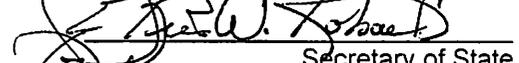
Any or all of the powers conferred upon the Governor by the Kansas Emergency Management Act may be delegated to the Adjutant General as deemed appropriate during this period of proclaimed State of Disaster Emergency. This may be delegated by written orders, or oral orders subsequently reduced to writing with reference to this Proclamation.

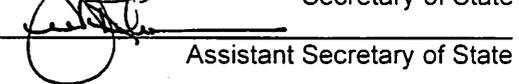
This Proclamation shall be filed promptly with the Division of Emergency Management, the Office of the Secretary of State and each city clerk or county clerk, as appropriate, in the area to which this Proclamation applies. Further dissemination of this Proclamation shall occur by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public.

DONE At the Capitol in Topeka
Under the Great Seal of the
State this 23rd day of March
A.D., 2016

THE GOVERNOR:





Secretary of State


Assistant Secretary of State