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:

Large grassfires developed during the afternoon hours of April 5th, 2016 in Geary, Morton, Pottawatomie, Riley, and Wabaunsee counties. Strong winds and low humidity values resulted in a prolonged period of various levels of fire weather causing the grassfires to get out of control. Grassfires spread rapidly across portions of Geary, Morton, Pottawatomie, Riley, and Wabaunsee counties impacting personal property in rural and incorporated areas of the counties, resulting in voluntary evacuation of multiple locations and creating threats to multiple inhabited areas. In addition to the large grassfires in Geary, Morton, Pottawatomie, Riley, and Wabaunsee counties, a large grassfire south of Comanche County in Oklahoma threatened to cross the state line with potential impacts to Comanche and Barber Counties.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:

April 5th, 2016 and continuing

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

Barber, Comanche, Geary, Morton, Pottawatomie, Riley, and Wabaunsee 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 7th day of April
A.D., 2016

THE GOVERNOR: _____

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Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State