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:

On March 7, 2020, the Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) Secretary confirmed the first case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the state of Kansas, and considers that a public health emergency exists within the state of Kansas.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. On March 12, 2020, Governor Laura Kelly directed activation of the Kansas Response Plan and the utilization of all available resources of the state government and each political subdivision as reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster; and to perform and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of all populations.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020. On March 20, 2020, the president granted the State of Kansas an Emergency Declaration and directed the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures to save live and to protect property and public health and safety, and lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the state.

On March 29, 2020, Presidential Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Kansas based on COVID-19, beginning on January 20, 2020, and continuing.

As of April 29, 2020, the total number of positive COVID-19 cases is 3,738 in seventy-eight counties with a total of 125 deaths statewide.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:

March 12, 2020 and continuing

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

All 105 counties in Kansas; Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas; Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation; and Sac and Fox Nation of the Missouri in Kanas and Nebraska.

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. The Adjutant General shall coordinate local and inter-jurisdictional disaster plans applicable to the political subdivisions of areas affected by this Proclamation.

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.

I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the order or rules and regulations of any state agency which implements such statute, if strict compliance with the

provisions of such statutes, order or rule and regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay in any way necessary action in coping with the disaster as set forth in KSA 48-925(c)(1).

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 30th, day of April
A.D., 2020

THE GOVERNOR: _____

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Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State

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SCOTT SCHWAB
SECRETARY OF STATE