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:

An unusually moist atmosphere for September standards in concert with subtle upper level disturbances approaching from the southwest combined to produce several bouts of very heavy rainfall across large portions of the State. Multiple counties in the Northwest and North Central regions of the state were affected by heavy rainfall leading to flooding and flash flooding from a storm system that began to impact the State on September 2nd. Heavy rainfall in excess of 7.5 inches impacted the area during this time. In addition to the heavy rainfall in the Northwest and North Central regions of the State, the South Central region of the State was also impacted by excessive rainfall. Within 30 days parts of south central Kansas received over 15 inches of rain with some spots approaching 20 inches of rainfall. Rainfall amounts proved extreme, with widespread 3 to 6 inch amounts across much of the southeast quarter of Kansas. Localized amounts even exceeded 8 to 10 inches. Much of the rainfall came in relatively short periods, with rainfall rates at times exceeding 3 inches per hour. This excessive rainfall event occurred on already saturated soils that produced runoff and resulted in record and near record crests of some rivers across south central Kansas between September 8th and 12th.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:

September 2, 2016 through September 12, 2016

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

Cheyenne, Cowley, Ellis, Graham, Greenwood, Kingman, Norton, Rooks, Russell, Sedgwick, and Sumner 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 September
A.D., 2016

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KRIS W. KOBACH
SECRETARY OF STATE

THE GOVERNOR: Sam Brownback

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Secretary of State

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