

STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION  
Executive Department

State of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

By the Governor

Winter snow and ice Storm

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 strong storm moved out of the Rockies into the southern plains though out yesterday and last night producing blizzard condition over southwest, south central and parts of north east Kansas. With snowfall up to 28 inches in some areas leaving some people reported stranded in their vehicles. There has been one fatality directly related to the storm. Most of the roads in south west and south central are closed. There have been request for military vehicle to help move emergency workers to their posts.

**DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:** March 27, 2009 and continuing.

**AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:**

Barton, Ellsworth, Harvey, Lincoln, Ottawa, Pawnee, Reno, Rice, Saline, McPherson, Sedgwick, Sumner, Harper, Kingman, Jewell, Russell, Stafford, Pratt, Barber, Comanche, Kiowa, Edwards, Rush, Ellis, Clark, Ford, Hodgeman, Ness, Lane, Finney, Gray, Meade, Seward, Haskell, Stevens, Grant, Kearney, Wichita, Morton, Stanton, Hamilton, Greeley, Wallace, Sherman, Scott, Cloud, Butler, Clay, Chautauqua, Dickinson, Marion, Riley, Cowley, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee, Morris, Lyon, Chase, Greenwood, and Elk Counties.

*GEARY*

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 28th day of March  
A.D., 2009

THE GOVERNOR:

*Kathleen Sebelius*

*Ron Thornburgh*

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

