

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

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:

Weather conditions are such that a high risk exists for wildland fires in the coming days. The forecast includes high winds, low relative humidity, and Red Flag Warnings due to ongoing drought and dry vegetation. Activation of the state emergency operations center and state mission assignments may be needed to support local fire suppression efforts.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:
February 15, 2026, and ongoing

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

Allen	Barber	Barton	Bourbon	Chautauqua	Cherokee	Cheyenne
Clark	Clay	Cloud	Comanche	Cowley	Crawford	Decatur
Dickinson	Edwards	Elk	Ellis	Ellsworth	Finney	Ford
Gove	Graham	Grant	Gray	Greeley	Hamilton	Harper
Haskell	Hodgeman	Jewell	Keanny	Kingman	Kiowa	Labette
Lane	Lincoln	Linn	Logan	Marshall	McPherson	Meade
Mitchell	Montgomery	Morton	Neosho	Ness	Norton	Osborne
Ottawa	Pawnee	Phillips	Pratt	Rawlins	Reno	Republic
Rice	Riley	Rooks	Rush	Russell	Saline	Scott
Seward	Sheridan	Sherman	Smith	Stafford	Stanton	Stevens
Sumner	Thomas	Trego	Wallace	Washington	Wichita	Wilson

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 and to utilize all available resources of the state to cope with the disaster as necessary. 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.

PROCLAIMED on the 15th day of February 2026,
and
MEMORIALIZED under the Great Seal of the
State this 24th day of February 2026.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

