

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
For Barton County, Kansas**

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of May, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Barton County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-932 provides that a state of local disaster or emergency may be declared by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or in her absence a majority of the remaining members of any County having a disaster emergency plan, upon a finding by such officer or officers that a disaster has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent within such County; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-904 defines disaster as "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, epidemics, contagious or infectious disease, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, terrorism or hostile military or paramilitary action"; and


WHEREAS, the County of Barton County within its borders experienced conditions that created obstructions that endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that:


1. There was an imminent threat of to cause widespread or severe damage by tornadoes and severe thunderstorms affecting the entire area of Barton County, Kansas.
2. This Declaration shall be in full force and effect for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the declared effective date set forth below unless terminated earlier or extended by this issuing authority.

DECLARED by the Barton County Commission Chairman this 16th day of May, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman, District #5



Don Davis, Member, District #3

ABSENT

Homer Kruckenber, Member, District #2

ABSENT

Kenny Schremmer, Member, District #1



Alicia Straub, Member, District #4

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Carey Hipp, County Counselor