

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

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of January, 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 his 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

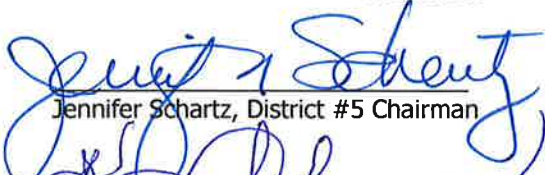
WHEREAS, the County of Barton County within its borders experienced conditions which created obstructions that endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons and property, beginning on January 13, 2017 and continuing through January 16, 2017.

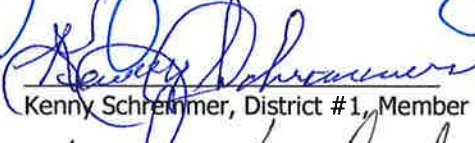
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that:

1. There was an imminent threat of freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and ice accumulations that created hazardous driving conditions, impeded public safety and emergency services response, and caused damages to trees and power lines that resulted in significant power outages which posed a threat to public health and critical infrastructure affecting the entire area of Barton County.
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.

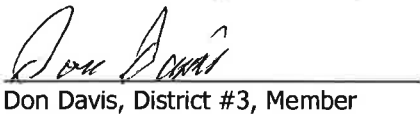
DECLARED by the Barton County Commission Chairman this 23rd day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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