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

- **WHEREAS**, on the 20th day of May, 2019, 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 April 28, 2019 and continuing through May 9, 2019.

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

- There was an imminent threat of flooding from repeated rain storms, large hail, high wind damage, as well as tornado damages that created hazardous driving conditions, impeded public safety and emergency services response, and caused damages to public and personal property within the borders 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 20th day of May, 2019.

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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