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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-03

Extending states of local disaster emergency relating to COVID-19

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of citizens of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932 cities and counties across the State of Kansas have declared a state of local disaster emergency related to the COVID-19 health emergency, but such declarations may generally only be extended by local governing bodies in 7-day increments, requiring a weekly vote in each local jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with over 4,000 cases of the illness and over 60 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansas citizens in these challenging times, and that includes ensuring local governments are able to effectively and efficiently help Kansans.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including the authority granted me by K.S.A 48-924 and K.S.A 48-925, I hereby direct and order that, without requiring weekly votes by each local governing body, any declared state of local disaster emergency issued pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932 relating to COVID-19 is hereby extended for either the duration of the March 12, 2020 State of Disaster Emergency for the State of Kansas or until this order is rescinded.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-03. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 7, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR _____

DATED 3.16.2020

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Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE