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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 18-16**

**Drought Declaration Update**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Kansas Water Office has informed me, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2608(d), of the drought conditions within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, there is every indication that drought conditions are present across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, these drought conditions will not abate in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Emergency Management' Act (K.S.A. 48-924 et seq.) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its people from disasters, including drought; and

**WHEREAS**, the county drought stages of Executive Order 18-11 are no longer appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, Director of the Kansas Water Office, in consultation with the Governor's Drought Response Team, is authorized to upgrade a county to emergency status, as the need arises.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

1. Declare a Drought Watch, Drought Warning, or Drought Emergency for the counties below; and
2. Authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate Watch, Warning, or Emergency level drought response actions assigned to them in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

Drought Watch counties: Bourbon, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Cloud, Crawford, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Johnson, Labette, Linn, Logan, Marshall, Miami, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Washington, Wyandotte

Drought Warning counties: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Brown, Chautauqua, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Ellis, Franklin, Greeley, Jackson, Jefferson, Lane, Leavenworth, Montgomery, Nemaha, Neosho, Ness, Rush, Russell, Scott, Trego, Wallace, Wichita, Wilson, Woodson

Drought Emergency counties: Barber, Barton, Butler, Chase, Clark, Clay, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Dickinson, Edwards, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Geary, Grant, Gray, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lincoln, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Morris, Morton, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Wabaunsee

County drought stages declared in the Executive Order shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order 18-16 and shall become effective immediately.

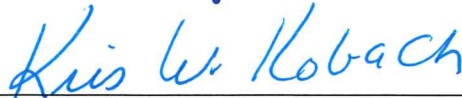
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BY THE GOVERNOR



DATED

6 July 18



Secretary of State



Asst. Secretary of State