

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
FOR RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS**

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-932 provides authority for the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of any county in Kansas to declare that a disaster has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent within such county; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of Riley County has information to believe that such a disaster has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent within Riley County.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared, effective April 6,2024, by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Riley County, Kansas that the Axelton Hill Road Wildfire has caused damage to property in disaster proportions or imminently threatens to do so within Riley County, Kansas. This wildfire began in Pottawatomie County yesterday, but crossed over the river, entering Riley County. It was fought in Riley County by firefighters overnight. And today's high winds have pushed the wildfire further into Riley County. That pursuant to the authority granted by K.S.A. 48-932, the undersigned Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Riley County, Kansas hereby declares a local disaster emergency for Riley County, Kansas.

The response and recovery aspects of any and all local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans which are applicable to Riley County are hereby activated and the rendering of available aid and assistance thereunder shall be initiated.

This declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless earlier terminated or renewed by consent of the Board of Commissioners of Riley County, Kansas.

This declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be promptly filed with the Riley County Clerk.

DECLARED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS, THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL,2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS



John Ford, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Rich Vargo
Riley County Clerk

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