

**CHAIRMAN'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
ARISING FROM THE IMMINENT THREAT OF THE SPREAD OF NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious and contagious disease which has become a global pandemic that has resulted in severe health problems and death of thousands of individuals worldwide;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Kansas proclaimed a State of Disaster Emergency exists in the entire 105 counties in Kansas as a result of the virus;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a patient in a Sedgwick County, Kansas medical facility tested positive for the virus;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119, Sedgwick County's local health officer ordered all public gatherings in excess of fifty (50) attendees shall be prohibited or restricted within Sedgwick County, Kansas as a preventive measure to contain the virus;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared COVID-19 a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has created a state of local disaster in Sedgwick County, Kansas, as defined by K.S.A. 48-904, resulting in imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from an epidemic, contagious or infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas wishes to declare Sedgwick County, Kansas is in a state of local disaster emergency and has authority to do so pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932(a).

THEREFORE, I, Chairman Peter F. Meitzner, proclaim as follows:

The threat of COVID-19 is imminent within Sedgwick County, Kansas;

Upon signing this Proclamation, I declare that Sedgwick County, Kansas is in a state of local disaster emergency, as defined by K.S.A. 48-904;

This state of local disaster emergency shall remain in effect for no more than 7 days;

The response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Sedgwick County, Kansas shall be initiated for the rendering of aid and assistance there under; and

Any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED THIS 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk




PETER F. MEITZNER, Chairman
Commissioner, First District