

RESOLUTION 2003-14

STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

The grasslands and croplands of Lincoln County, Kansas, form an important part of our economy, and provide for protection of watersheds, forage for livestock, refuge for wildlife, and recreational opportunities. Wildfires endanger these resources, real and personal property, and the lives of residents and visitors in these areas. Extremely dry and windy weather conditions have created an extreme fire hazard in the grassland and cropland of Lincoln County. Fires have been reported throughout the county and have caused substantial damage. Once started, these fires are difficult to control and strain volunteer fire department manpower and resources. The fire danger is "extreme" in this county. The dry conditions and fire danger will continue unabated until sufficient rainfall occurs across the area.

It is hereby proclaimed, directed and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932, that a state of local disaster emergency exists for the above reasons and that the following acts are prohibited within boundaries of this county by all citizens and visitors:

- (1) Careless use of smoking materials, including cigarettes, cigars and smoking pipes. Discard shall be in a manner to preclude fire threat from smoldering remains;
- (2) Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire or campfire except in permanent stoves or fireplaces or barbecue grills in developed recreational sites or residential areas; and
- (3) Prescribed burning of all fence rows, fields, wildlands, ravines, trash and debris.

A knowing and willful violation of this order shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-939, and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished as provided by law. The Lincoln County Clerk shall immediately notify Lincoln County's emergency management coordinator, law enforcement officers, and fire officials of this order; and shall also notify both print and radio media representatives who normally cover Lincoln County.

This Proclamation shall be in full force and effect from July 21, 2003 until repealed by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Doug Gomel, Chairman



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Attest: 

Dawn Harlow, County Clerk