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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5025

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ratifying the State of Disaster Emergency declared on May 4, 2007, in a proclamation issued by Governor Sebelius and providing for the continuation thereof for Kiowa County until October 31, 2007.

WHEREAS, Severe storms accompanied by large hail, lightning, high winds, tornadoes and torrential rain resulting in flooding all occurred in the Kansas counties of Kiowa, Barton, Stafford, Pratt, Edwards and Phillips on May 4th and 5th of 2007; and

WHEREAS, These storms caused severe and widespread property damage and devastation to homes, businesses, communities and public infrastructure and facilities and resulted in injuries and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, The tornado which struck the town of Greensburg, the county seat of Kiowa County, completely destroyed the community, devastated county and city governmental facilities and completely interrupted all governmental services, and caused the deaths of 10 residents of Greensburg and injured dozens of others; and

WHEREAS, The Proclamation issued by Governor Sebelius for these counties pursuant to the Kansas Emergency Management Act pursuant to K.S.A. 48-924 provided for the State of Disaster Emergency to be in effect for not more than 15 days unless the State of Disaster Emergency is extended by the State Finance Council for a period of not more than 30 additional days or the State of Disaster Emergency is ratified by concurrent resolution of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The State Finance Council acted on May 16, 2007, to continue the declared State of Disaster Emergency for Kiowa County in effect until June 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The extent of the devastation and loss caused by these storms in Kiowa County and particularly in the community of Greensburg will require a much longer period to alleviate the emergency conditions, and the ratification of the State of Disaster Emergency for Kiowa County by concurrent resolution of the Legislature, as authorized by K.S.A. 48-924, is necessary to continue to provide for the recovery of the communities and people of Kiowa County from the emergency conditions which will continue after June 18, 2007: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That the State of Disaster Emergency for Kiowa County, Kansas, is hereby ratified and continued in existence after June 18, 2007, through October 31, 2007.

Adopted by the House May 22, 2007.

Adopted by the Senate May 22, 2007.

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