

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-48

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

**WHEREAS**, there is every indication that the present drought conditions will not abate in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, these drought conditions may become more severe; and

**WHEREAS**, the affected areas and severity have changed; and

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

**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 replacing Executive Order 11-37;
2. And 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:

Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Decatur, Dickinson, Douglas, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Graham, Jefferson, Jewel, Johnson, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Republic, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wyandotte

Drought Warning counties:

Anderson, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Franklin, Gove, Greeley, Hamilton, Labette, Lane, Linn, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Morris, Ness, Osage, Scott, Trego, Wallace, Wichita

Drought Emergency counties:

Allen, Barber, Barton, Butler, Chase, Clark, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Morton, Neosho, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Wilson, Woodson

County drought stages declared in the Executive Order shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.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 11-48 and shall become effective immediately.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

BY THE GOVERNOR: Sam Eiland

DATED: 11/21/11

Secretary of State: Kris W. Kobach

Assistant Secretary of State: Brad Bryant

