



Frank Keating
Governor

State of Oklahoma
Office of the Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-16

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution have caused further surveying to be made as a result of recent tornadic storms and flooding on April 21 and 22, 1996, to the extent possible, in the communities of Latimer and Sequoyah Counties and the surrounding areas. I have determined an emergency exists necessitating emergency measures for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety and the preservation of the lives and property of the people of this State.

It is necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the State and political subdivisions of the State and to cooperate with the federal government with respect to carrying out disaster emergency functions during the continuance of the state of emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Civil Defense and Emergency Resources Management Act.

In addition, it is also necessary to provide state financial assistance to the political subdivisions affected, pursuant to the provisions of the State Contingency and Emergency Fund Act.

Therefore, I hereby declare and order that:

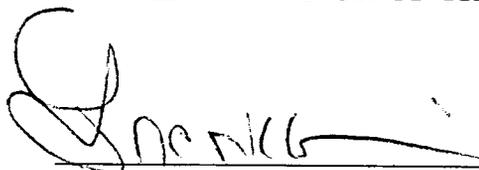
1. A disaster emergency caused by tornadic storms and flooding in the political subdivisions of Latimer and Sequoyah Counties and surrounding areas which has threatened the lives and property of the people of this State and the public's peace, health, and safety has occurred.

2. The resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet the emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage and to protect lives, the same to be coordinated by the Director of the Department of Civil Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.

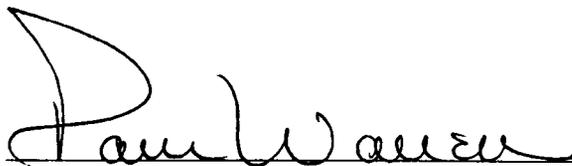
3. This declaration of emergency shall terminate as provided in 63 O.S. 1991, Section 683.3(3).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 1~~st~~ day of May, 1996.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



Attest:



Secretary of State