

KS prepares for severe weekend weather

**(KAIR)--Expected severe, weekend storms, including those in the local region, led to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, on Friday, issuing a verbal state of disaster emergency proclamation.**

**A release from Kelly's office says the proclamation was issued because of weekend severe weather that is expected to affect Kansas into Sunday, with the declaration activating the Kansas Response Plan and the ability to expedite state agency assistance to communities in need.**

**MSC Radio News Chief Meteorologist Bill Spencer says the weekend forecast predicts strong storms with large hail, high winds, and tornadoes, along with the possibility of flooding and flash flooding.**

**Kelly, in the release, encourages all Kansans to have an emergency kit and a family plan in preparation for a tornado, in conjunction with staying updated on local weather conditions, and to know that once a warning is activated, it-imperative to take immediate cover.**

**The Kansas Division of Emergency Management will staff the State Emergency Operations Center through Sunday, monitoring the situation to provide assistance to counties and local responders if requested.**

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