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**Governor: All Executive Branch State Offices
will be closed Thursday, Feb. 21st**

Governor declares an emergency for all 105 counties

TOPEKA – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Wednesday that all state offices in the Executive Branch will be closed Thursday, February 21st in anticipation of inclement weather conditions. If a state office is already closed, it will remain closed.

“Every indication is that our state is going to receive a tremendous amount of snow in the next 24 hours. I want to urge Kansans to heed the winter weather warnings and avoid traveling tomorrow,” Gov. Brownback said. “Our state agencies are ready to respond as needed to assist Kansans and counties who may need additional assistance.”

This closure will affect non-essential Executive Branch employees scheduled to work between 6:00 am on Thursday, February 21, 2013 until 6:00am on Friday, February 22, 2013.

This declaration does not include employees in the Board of Regents, Regents Institutions, the Judicial Branch, nor the Legislative Branch of Government. Their designated representative will make a separate declaration for those employees if appropriate.

State employees can find further information at www.kansas.gov/employee.

The Governor also signed an emergency declaration for all 105 Kansas counties. This will allow state agencies to assist local governments as needed.

Motorists who find themselves in need of assistance can call 911 or *47 to reach the Kansas Highway Patrol. Those traveling on the Kansas Turnpike can call *KTA.

You can learn about road conditions at 511.ksdot.org.

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