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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-10

Rescinding Executive Order 20-06 and temporarily prohibiting certain foreclosures and evictions

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

WHEREAS, Kansas is facing a crisis—the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19—resulting in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with now more than 40,000 cases of the illness and more than 400 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic threatens the stability of local, state, national, and global economies, with the potential to cause layoffs, furloughs, and significant decreases in pay;

WHEREAS, during a pandemic emergency it becomes more important than ever for citizens to be safe and secure in their homes, and any interruption in housing threatens the public health and safety through increased burdens on social services, increased health risks, and increased spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, when the COVID-19 pandemic is stressing health care, local and state support systems, and our economy, any disruption in housing is likely to create additional and unnecessary burdens that will impede the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and potentially exacerbate it;