

# SAMPLE LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION

A disaster declaration must be issued prior to requesting state or federal assistance.

A disaster declaration for a city or village should be transmitted through the county emergency management director. The county board should also declare a disaster using this same form.

The following is a sample of the language that should be retyped onto the jurisdiction's official letterhead before submitting it to NEMA.

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\*\*\* County (or affected city/village) has suffered from a \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., disastrous tornado strike) that occurred on \_\_\_\_\_ (include date(s) and time) causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of \*\*\* County (or city/village) within the disaster area

Therefore, the Chair of the \*\*\* County Board of *Commissioners/Supervisors (or the Mayor/Board Chair of \_\_\_\_\_)* has declared a state of emergency authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of \*\*\* County (or city/village), and will execute for and on behalf of \*\*\* County (or city/village), the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he/she deems necessary in the fulfillment of his/her duties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, \*\*\* County

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Board of *Commissioners/Supervisors*  
(or *Mayor/Board Chair of affected jurisdiction*  
or by *appointed authorized representative*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
County (or City/Village) Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date