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## Kansas Waives Birth, Marriage Certificate Charges for Those Affected by Recent Disasters

TOPEKA – Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Secretary Lee Norman has temporarily waived its fees for Kansans who have been impacted by this week’s severe weather and need replacement vital records. This includes certified copies of birth and marriage certificates for victims of the May 28 severe storm disaster for those in the following counties: Douglas, Leavenworth, Osborne, Mitchell and Washington.

“This is something we can do to help fellow Kansans in need,” Secretary Norman said.

The KDHE Office of Vital Statistics will begin providing assistance to disaster victims who need to replace birth and marriage certificates for their immediate family on June 3. This service will end August 2. This offer is not available to anyone who has not been verified as a victim in the damaged area in the above stated counties on May 28.

Applications must be mailed to the KDHE Office of Vital Statistics or applicants can visit the KDHE Office of Vital Statistics, 1000 SW Jackson in Topeka, to see if they qualify for their fee to be waived. Applicants must provide contact information for questions and a mailing address at which they are to receive mail.

When requesting records, ID is required.

### ID Requirements

- **You must present a government (state or federal) issued photo ID.**
  - This can be issued by the U.S. or other country of residence.

#### Examples of acceptable IDs (must be current):

- Driver's license
- State ID card
- Passport or visa
- Military ID

- **If you do not have a government issued photo ID, you must bring any TWO of the following documents:**
  - Social security number
  - Bank statement with current address
  - Car registration or title with current address
  - Utility bill with current address
  - Pay stub (must include your name, social security number plus name and address of business)

Kansans with additional questions are encouraged to visit the Vital Statistics website at [www.kdheks.gov/vital](http://www.kdheks.gov/vital) or call 785-296-1400.

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