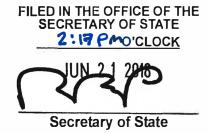


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 21, 2018

The Honorable Rolando B. Pablos Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701



Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation stating that the severe weather and flooding event that began on June 19, 2018, and that continues, has caused a disaster in Aransas, Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces, San Patricio, and Willacy counties.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S Davidson Executive Clerk to the Governor GSD/gsd

Attachment

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PROCLAMATION BY THE **BOUERNOR OF THE State of Texas**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the severe weather and flooding event that began on June 19, 2018, and that continues, has caused widespread and severe property damage, and threatens loss of life, in Aransas, Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces, San Patricio and Willacy counties.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 21st day of June, 2018.

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GREG ABBOT Governor

ATTESTED BY:

ROLANDO B. PABLOS Secretary of State

