

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

WHEREAS, on February 17th, 2021, Fort Bend County has experienced severe winter weather conditions, including freezing temperatures and freezing precipitation, and hazardous road conditions; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather conditions have created widespread dangerous conditions including significant property damage and that the threat of prolonged conditions poses a continued threat to the County; and

WHEREAS, such extreme winter weather has the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent;” and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such severe weather and winter conditions have escalated and have continued, constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, KP George, County Judge of FORT BEND County, declare a local state of disaster based on the severe winter weather conditions in FORT BEND County, Texas pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk pursuant section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 17th day of February, 2021

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KP George
Fort Bend County Judge

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridgette Smith-Lawson", written over a horizontal line.

Bridgette Smith-Lawson
Fort Bend County Attorney