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STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BOWIE §

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO HURRICANE LAURA

WHEREAS, Bowie County has been added to Governor Abbott's Disaster Proclamation originally issued on Sunday, August 23, 2020, and modified by the Governor's Proclamation of Tuesday, August 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Bowie County is currently under a tropical storm warning and flash flood watch issued by the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura poses the threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding and damaging winds to Bowie County; 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 Hurricane Laura could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of flood and wind damage; 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, Bobby L. Howell, County Judge of Bowie County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of Hurricane Laura in Bowie County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County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.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater. This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 26th day of August, 2020.



Bobby L. Howell
Bowie County Judge

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