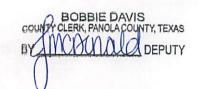
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DISASTER DECLARATION FOR PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS



WHEREAS, the County of Panola, Texas has suffered from Hurricane Beryl, severe tropical storms and widespread flooding that occurred prior to and on this the 6th day of July, 2024 (Disaster #24-0016). The severe weather conditions have caused extensive damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the residents of Panola County and Cities within the disaster area; and

WHEREAS, because of the severe weather for the past several days that Panola County is in imminent threat of additional widespread storms or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from countywide severe weather conditions. Flooding in populated areas has caused major damage to roads and bridges preventing access to or the safe passage on many roadways. Such conditions have created a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Panola County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, are necessary and hereby ordered.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF PANOLA COUNTY:

- 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Panola County, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. The state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Panola County Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108c of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this the 30th day of July, 2024, at <u>3:12</u> o'clock a.m.

Rodge G. McLane, Panola County Judge