

**MASON COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning on February 11, 2021, Mason County was under imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, freezing rain, and extended power outages; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Texas Governor Greg Abbott pursuant to Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code declared a State of Disaster in all 254 counties due to severe winter weather, and pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code the Governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, due these circumstances, it is clear that our County is facing a serious threat from this winter storm with road conditions extremely dangerous, loss of water, electrical power, communications, and strain on law enforcement, emergency personnel, and citizens of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property and livestock;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF MASON COUNTY THAT:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Mason County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and
2. Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of a local 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 Commissioners Court of Mason County.
3. Pursuant to 418.108© of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the County Clerk of Mason County.
4. Pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of the local state of disaster is declared to protect citizens, property, livestock, and other essential needs.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from this date of issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF February, 2021.

JERRY BEARDEN



MASON COUNTY JUDGE