



**ORDER OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
CONTINUING DECLARATION OF DISASTER
DUE TO THE NEW WORLD SCREWORM**

STAYS IN FILE

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott, on January 29, 2026, issued, and extended every thirty days thereafter, a statewide disaster declaration to prevent the spread of the New World screwworm (NWS), the spread of which threatens the Texas' livestock industry and economy and poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2026, Travis County Judge Andy Brown, acting in accordance with authority granted by §418.108 of the Texas Government Code, declared a local state of disaster for Travis County due to the threat of introduction or spread of the NWS which poses a threat to livestock, agriculture, wildlife resources, wildlife, related business activity, and property interests within the County; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to establish a joint Texas New World Screwworm Response Team to lead Texas's prevention and response efforts, and to serve as "the central hub for coordination, information-sharing, and stakeholder engagement among state, federal, and industry partners"; and

WHEREAS, Section 161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code grants TAHC authority to protect all livestock from diseases, eradicate or control any disease or agent that could affect livestock, and Section 161.003 of the Texas Agriculture Code provides that county commissioners courts shall cooperate and assist TAHC when requested; and

WHEREAS, according to the Governor's Proclamation, unified state and federal action is essential to prevent the spread of NWS and to protect Texas livestock, wildlife, and agricultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in his Disaster Proclamation, Governor Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

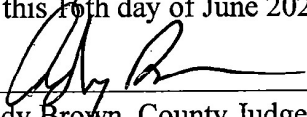
WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the County Judge of a county to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a local disaster continue to exist, and Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.

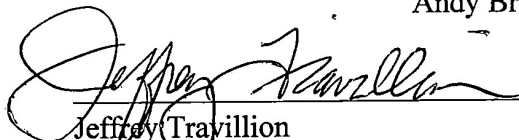
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. The recitals set forth in this Order are true and correct.
2. **That the state of disaster proclaimed for Travis County, Texas by the County Judge on June 12, 2026 shall continue until terminated by Order of the Travis County Commissioners Court.**
3. This Order is passed as an emergency measure and pursuant to section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code and shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
4. All Travis County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this Order.
5. Pursuant to §262.024 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court hereby orders that contracts for goods and services needed to provide resources to respond to the effects of the New World screwworm (NWS) disaster covered by the Disaster Order are exempt from the requirements established by Section 262.023 of the Texas Local Government Code because they are contracts for the purchases in the case of a public calamity that must be made promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens of the State of Texas and are necessary to preserve the health and safety of residents, and authorize the County Judge to sign on behalf of the Commissioners Court.
6. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this Order continues activation of the County's emergency management plan.
7. Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that such a declaration of local disaster may not be continued for a period of more than seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.
8. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Order continuing the local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

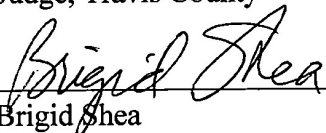
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 16th day of June 2026.



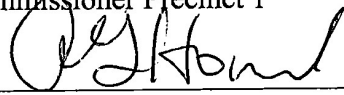
 Andy Brown, County Judge, Travis County



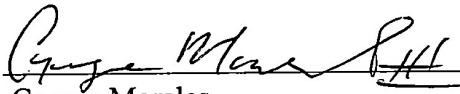
 Jeffrey Travillion
 Commissioner Precinct 1



 Brigid Shea
 Commissioner Precinct 2

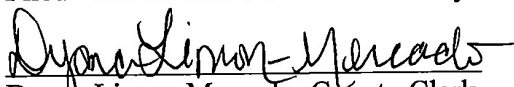


 Ann Howard
 Commissioner Precinct 3



 George Morales
 Commissioner Precinct 4

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County:



 Dyana Limon-Mercado, County Clerk

Date: 6/16/26



**FILED AND RECORDED
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**

Dyana Limon-Mercado

**Dyana Limon-Mercado, County Clerk
Travis County, Texas**

2026071282

Jun 16, 2026 02:33 PM

Fee: \$0.00

HERNANDEZA