



**ORDER DECLARING LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR TRAVIS COUNTY
FOR SEVERE WINTER WEATHER
BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY JUDGE**

WHEREAS, beginning in the evening hours of January 30, 2023, Travis County began experiencing severe winter weather, including dangerous ice conditions, and the severe winter weather continuing during the week resulting in ice accumulations on roads and trees and widespread power outages;

WHEREAS, Section 418.004(1) of the Texas Government Code defines disaster to be the "occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill or other water contamination, volcanic activity, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, hostile military or paramilitary action, extreme heat, cybersecurity event, other public calamity requiring emergency action, or energy emergency;"

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Travis County has determined from information provided by emergency management personnel, that persons within Travis County may be severely impacted by the severe winter weather with the occurrence and continued threat of widespread and severe property damage, lack of readily available food and water due to power outages, and possible injury resulting from the severe winter weather;

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;

WHEREAS, this declaration is not intended to prohibit or inhibit business within the County and operations at County facilities may continue with their normal operations. The County is otherwise open and continues operations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources to assist in the County's response to this situation, including to facilitate access to food and water; and

WHEREAS, due to the disaster conditions referenced herein, the County Judge of Travis County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Travis County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas.

3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of 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 Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Travis County emergency management plan.

5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the County may take actions necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons in the County, and to protect or rehabilitate property due to this disaster.

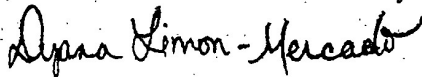
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 3rd day of February, 2023.



Andy Brown, County Judge
County of Travis, Texas

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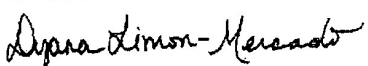


County Clerk

Date: February 3, 2023



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