



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

December 27, 2015

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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The Honorable Carlos Cascos  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

DEC 27 2015  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following proclamation:

A proclamation certifying that the severe winter weather and tornado event that began on December 26, 2015, and continuing, has caused a disaster in Collin, Dallas, Ellis and Rockwall Counties in the State of Texas.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*[Handwritten signature: Gregory S. Davidson]*

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, do hereby certify that the severe winter weather and tornado event that began on December 26, 2015, and continuing, has caused a disaster in Collin, Dallas, Ellis and Rockwall Counties in the State of Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the counties listed above based on the existence of such threat.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 27th day of December, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Carlos Cascos in black ink.

CARLOS CASCOS  
Secretary Of State

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