GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

October 29, 2026

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TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State

The Honorable Robert S. Howden
Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Howden:

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

> A proclamation certifying that the severe storm event that began on October 23, 2026, and that included heavy rainfall and flash flooding, poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in El Paso County, and declaring a disaster.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the severe storm event that began on October 23, 2026, and that included heavy rainfall and flash flooding, poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in El Paso County;

NOW, 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 El Paso County.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government 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 Texas Government 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 29th day of October, 2026.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

ROBERT S. HOWDEN
Secretary of State

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