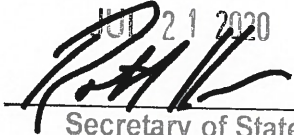




GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 21, 2020

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

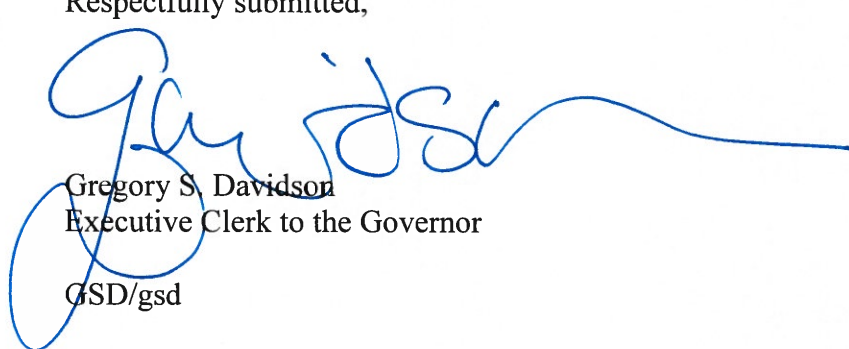
Dear Secretary Hughs:

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

A proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in Andrews, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Motley, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Randall, Roberts, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum counties and declaring a state of disaster.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, certified on July 13, 2020, that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Motley, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Randall, Roberts, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum counties. I hereby certify that exceptional drought conditions continue to pose a threat of imminent disaster in Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Motley, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Randall, Roberts, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum counties, and that the conditions also now threaten Andrews and Wheeler counties.

WHEREAS, significantly low rainfall and prolonged dry conditions continue to increase the threat of wildfire across these portions of the state; and

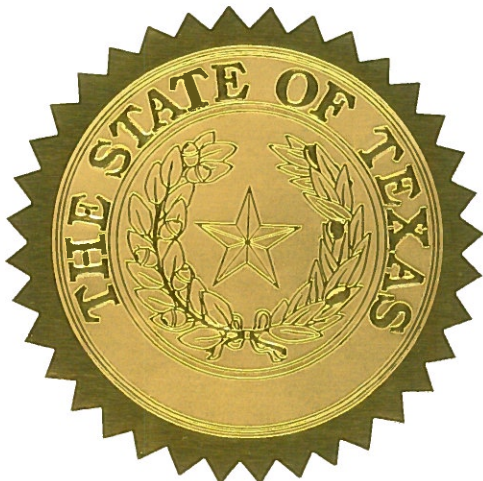
WHEREAS, these drought conditions pose an imminent threat to public health, property, and the economy;

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 Andrews, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Motley, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Randall, Roberts, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum counties 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 21st day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



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