



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 23, 2023

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
11:30 O'CLOCK

The Honorable Jane Nelson  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

JUN 23 2023  
*Jane Nelson*  
Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Nelson:

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

A proclamation amending the proclamation relating to the severe weather and tornadoes that began on June 14, 2023, that included severe storms, large hail, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, tornadoes, and hazardous wind gusts caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in several counties and now declaring a disaster in: Montgomery and Leon counties.

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

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**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on Friday, June 16, 2023, certifying the severe weather and tornadoes that began on June 14, 2023, and included severe storms, large hail, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, tornadoes, and hazardous wind gusts that caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in Ochiltree and Cass counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Upshur, and Wood counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Camp, Gregg, Hopkins, Panola, Smith, and Titus counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Morris and Shelby counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Motley, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Kent, and Stonewall counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in these additional counties: Montgomery and Leon counties.

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 23rd day of June, 2023.

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

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

JANE NELSON  
Secretary of State