

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 22, 2015

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

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Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Acting Governor of the State of Texas, Dan Patrick has issued the following proclamation:

Amending a previous series of proclamations from May certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding event that began on May 4, 2015, has now caused a disaster in 121 Texas 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

Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued Emergency Disaster Proclamations on May 11, May 15, May 25, May 26, May 29, June 3, June 18 and June 22, 2015, certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding event that began on May 4, 2015, has caused a disaster in many Texas counties. Disaster conditions persist in many parts of the state.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me as the Acting Governor and by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby amend the aforementioned proclamations and declare a disaster in Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Dallas, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Duval, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hall, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Matagorda, McLennan, Milam, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wichita, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Young and Zavala counties.

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 22nd day of July, 2015.

Acting Governor

ATTESTED BY:

CARLOS CASCOS Secretary of State