

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 31, 2017

The Honorable Rolando B. Pablos Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

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

A proclamation declaring Sunday, September 3, 2017, as a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving in Texas in the wake of damage and destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey.

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

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast on Friday, August 25, 2017, causing massive destruction along the Coastal Bend before moving up the Texas coast into Central and Southeast Texas resulting in unprecedented flooding and tragic loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Texans have remained strong throughout this ordeal, with neighbor helping neighbor by wading into the flood waters or sorting through wind damage to rescue fellow Texans; and

WHEREAS, the people of Texas are grateful for the outpouring of support and resources from around the country and around the world that have been sent to Texas to assist with the damage as we begin the process of healing and rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Texans have been strengthened, assured and lifted up through prayer; and

WHEREAS, it is right and fitting that the people of Texas should join with their fellow residents and with others from across the country and around the world to seek God's wisdom for ourselves and our leaders and ask for His merciful intervention and healing in this time of crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 3, 2017, as a Day of Prayer in Texas. I urge Texans of all faiths and religious traditions and backgrounds to offer prayers on that day for the safety of our first responders, public safety officers, and military personnel, healing of individuals, rebuilding of communities and the restoration of the entire region struck by this disaster.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed in the City of Rockport, Texas, this the 31st day of August, 2017.

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ATTESTED BY:

ŘOLANDO B. PABLOS Secretary of State

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