

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the health, life, and property of the residents of Zavala County is under an imminent threat of disaster from the human trafficking occurring on our border with Mexico. The ongoing border crisis has resulted in thousands of undocumented aliens pushing our local, state, and federal law enforcement to its limit. This has resulted in residents of Zavala County sustaining property damage, and a concern for the public health and safety of the residents.

WHEREAS, in addition, the public health and safety of the residents of Zavala County is under an imminent threat of disaster from an elevated risk of exposure to unknown variants of COVID-19 resulting from the human trafficking occurring on our border with Mexico. The limited resources of Zavala County cannot adequately furnish the necessary procedures and facilities set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the testing and quarantining undocumented aliens who may be infected with unknown variants of COVID-19, or other infectious diseases that residents have not been vaccinated for; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Zavala County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF Zavala County, Texas:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Zavala County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code;
2. Whereas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the County Judge and Commissioners Court may enter such orders as may be necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the public during local disaster;
3. Whereas, the County Judge and Commissioners of Zavala County establish the disaster order as requested by the Governor of the State of Texas for all Texas Counties with executive orders suspension of Texas laws in response to Covid-19 aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster;
4. Whereas, the County Judge and the Commissioners of Zavala County recognize and accept that the Governor is following Sections 418.014, 418.016 and 418.017 of the Local Government Code as an extension of the Disaster and in compliance with all of Governor Abbott's preceding orders to the inception of the initial declaration;

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ATTEST June 30, 2021
MICHELLE BONILLA, County Clerk
Zavala County, Texas
By Cecilia Shore, Deputy

FILED
This 30th day of June, 2021
At 4:10 o'clock, PM
MICHELLE BONILLA
County Clerk, Zavala County, Texas
By Cecilia Shore

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAVALA

5. Pursuant to Section 433.005(a) of the Texas Government Code, this local state of disaster is intended to request, and does hereby request, that the Governor of Texas provide state personnel to aid in controlling conditions in the county by assisting the local law enforcement in protecting its citizens and property;
6. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available resources and authority granted under both the Constitution of Texas and the Constitution of the United States;
7. That this declaration shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Zavala County Commissioners Court, and shall continue in effect until terminated by the Zavala County Judge and Commissioners Court or by the Governor's order.

DECLARED this 23rd day of June 2021.



Joe Luna, County Judge
Zavala County, Texas

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MICHELLE BONILLA, County Clerk
Zavala County, Texas
By Lama Flores, Deputy