



COUNTY OF RAINS

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO FREEZING TEMPERATURE AND ICE STORM

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WHEREAS, Rains County has experienced below freezing temperatures and an ice storm damage to property and roads; and

WHEREAS, below freezing temperatures and an ice storm have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which below freezing temperatures and the ice storm could escalate constitute and imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of more damage; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Linda Wallace, County Judge of Rains County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of below freezing temperatures and the ice storm in Rains County, Texas.

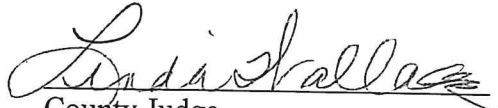
BE IT THEREFOE PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statue, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to

exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 1st day of March, 2023.


County Judge

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