

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the health, life, and property of the residents of McCulloch 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 illegal aliens invading neighboring counties, and could spread to McCulloch County, which will lead to overwhelming our local, state, and federal law enforcement. This continual violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity could result in residents of McCulloch County being assaulted, threatened with violence, and robbed, while also sustaining vast amounts of property damage; and

WHEREAS, the public health and safety of the residents of McCulloch 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 McCulloch County cannot adequately furnish the necessary procedures and facilities set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the testing and quarantining of thousands of illegal aliens who may be infected with unknown variants of COVID-19, or other infectious diseases that residents have not been vaccinated for; and

WHEREAS, McCulloch County along with Edwards, Kimble, Mason, and Menard Counties comprise the 452nd Judicial District and our district is adversely affected by the border crisis due to our proximity to the border, our rural landscape, and the multiple highways that run from the Mexico border through our counties and has subsequently caused an increase in criminal activities throughout Edwards and Kimble Counties. Our County Jail is currently at 90% capacity and any additional arrests due to border crimes will result in McCulloch County incurring out of county inmate housing costs. Border related crimes have negatively impacted McCulloch County by the already limited personnel in our District Attorney's Office having to allocate more of their resources toward Edwards and Kimble County offenses. Earlier in 2021 twenty-six people were indicted in McCulloch County for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity and their crimes will be prosecuted as border related crimes via the Border Prosecution Division within the 452nd Judicial District Attorney's Office. As a direct result of the increased border related crimes in Edwards and Kimble Counties our District Attorney's Office has restructured and is expending most of their resources in Edwards and Kimble Counties which impacts McCulloch County significantly and criminal courts that are already over one year behind in processing cases due to COVID-19 restrictions, will inadvertently become further backlogged resulting in jail overcrowding, increased criminal defense costs to the county, and ultimately cases could be in jeopardy of dismissal for lack of prosecution within reasonable time constraints; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of McCulloch 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 MCCULLOCH COUNTY, TEXAS:

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McCulloch County Clerk


1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for McCulloch County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless renewed by the County Judge or continued by the Commissioners' Court of McCulloch County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of McCulloch County, Texas.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the McCulloch County emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to Section 362.002(a) of the Texas Local Government Code, this local state of disaster is intended to authorize, and does hereby declare, that a state of civil emergency exists in McCulloch County, Texas, and requests the assistance of additional law enforcement to uphold the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.
6. 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 military forces to aid in controlling conditions in the county by assisting the County Sheriff in the enforcement of law and the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.
7. 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.
8. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the McCulloch County Commissioners' Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 6th day of July, 2021.

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Frank Trull, County Judge
McCulloch County, Texas