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JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS



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STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JASPER

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ORDER OF MANDATORY EVACUATION

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the 25th day of August, 2020, was in imminent threat of being in the path of a weather event currently designated as Hurricane Laura, as described in reports issued by the United States National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, potentially causing widespread injury or loss of life and severe property damage resulting from conditions created by torrential rainfall, major flooding with high speed winds and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time in residential, agricultural and commercial areas, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for long term countywide electrical power and utility outages. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, has determined, based upon trajectory reports issued by the National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of August, 2020, the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, issued a local state of disaster for Jasper County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of August, 2020, the United States National Weather Service provided official updated reports that Jasper County, Texas continued to be in the projected path of Hurricane Laura with the probable intensity of a major hurricane being a Category 3 or above, capable of extremely high speed winds, tornadic activity, torrential rainfall and flooding, as well as storm surges, posing an imminent threat of injury or loss of life.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT A MANDATORY EVACUATION OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS, IS IN EFFECT AS OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2020, AT 1:00 P.M. CST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ORDERED this 25th day of August, 2020.


Mark W. Allen, County Judge
Jasper County, Texas