



STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JASPER

### DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the \_\_18<sup>th</sup>\_\_ day of January, 2019, was in imminent threat of flooding due to continued rainfall causing the Angelina River to flood resulting in increased elevations in the Sam Rayburn Reservoir that have made the overflow of water at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers emergency spillway imminent, as described in reports issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. National Weather Service, potentially causing widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life and property. These countywide conditions created by this continued torrential rainfall and major flooding over an excessive period of time has the potential to affect Jasper County by causing flooding in residential 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 current and probable water elevation levels at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sam Rayburn Reservoir, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir, the Angelina and Neches Rivers, and upon rainfall forecasts issued by the U.S. National Weather Service, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS:

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Jasper County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- II. 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 continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Jasper County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this \_\_18<sup>th</sup>\_\_ day of January, 2019.

A blue ink signature of Mark W. Allen, County Judge of Jasper County, Texas.

Mark W. Allen, County Judge  
Jasper County, Texas

DEBBIE NEWMAN, COUNTY CLERK  
JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

FILED JAN 18 2019

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