



## ORDER

### CONTINUING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

**WHEREAS**, on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Blanco County, Texas will be in the direct line of a total solar eclipse that will traverse across North America; and

**WHEREAS**, this event is expected to see the population of Blanco County, Texas, double, if not triple, in size throughout the days leading up to and including the day of the event, with the potential for extreme traffic congestion, strain on first responder organizations, along with city and county infrastructure and potential food, grocery and fuel shortages, threatening the safety of all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blanco County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health, safety and welfare of Blanco County residents and visitors that may be impacted as a result of the April 8th, 2024, solar eclipse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blanco County Judge, in consultation with area emergency management coordinators, law enforcement officials, and fire and rescue officials, has determined that the potential exists for roads, streets and highways to be stressed to and above capacity during certain times of the event; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential stress and over-capacity of city, county, state, and federal streets, roads, and highways may create a public safety event whereby law enforcement and fire and rescue officers will be impeded from responding to calls for service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blanco County Judge, asks residents of Blanco County to stay at home, if possible, ensure all vehicles are filled with fuel the week leading up to this event, ensure sufficient groceries and supplies are purchased well in advance, and to take all cautionary measures to ensure the safety of all persons and animals in their care.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BLANCO under § 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE;**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for BLANCO COUNTY, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue until rescinded by the County Judge or Commissioners' Court.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster continues operations under the Blanco County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

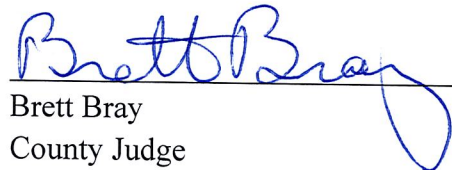
**SECTION 5.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

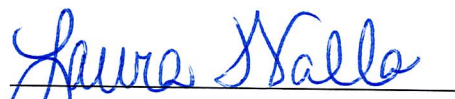
**SECTION 7.** That all appropriate County resources are available and may be dedicated to relief efforts relating to this disaster.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge or Commissioners' Court. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time deemed necessary.

**DECLARED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 at 9:40 AM PM.**

  
Brett Bray  
County Judge

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Walla  
County Clerk

