



January 27, 2026

Governor Greg Abbott
C/O Nim Kidd, TDEM

RE: Liberty County Declaration of Disaster

Dear Governor Abbott,

On January 25th, 2026 I, as County Judge of Liberty County, entered an Order declaring Liberty County to be in a state of disaster (copy attached) because of the extreme damage and hazard potential that exists. This Order was entered because of the severe damages that present a clear and present danger as result of extensive property damage and the potential for loss of life that exists because of the freezing temperatures, freezing rain and ice accumulation that occurred on January 25, 2026 in Liberty County, Texas.

We are requesting that you extend your prompt attention in this regard and assist Liberty County and your assistance in this regard will be greatly appreciated. If you require anything further, please contact me in my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Knight", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jay Knight

County Judge, Liberty County





DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on the 23th day of January, 2026, Liberty County Judge Jay Knight issued a Declaration of Disaster for Liberty County; and

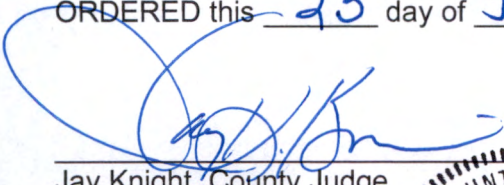
WHEREAS, the County of Liberty on the 25th of January, 2026, has suffered severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from severe weather, including freezing temperatures, freezing rain/ice accumulation and strong winds.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Liberty County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF Liberty County, Texas:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Liberty County, Texas pursuant to section §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section §418. 108(b) of the 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 Liberty County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section §418. 108(c) of the 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.
4. Pursuant to section §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Liberty County Emergency Management Plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 23 day of JANUARY, 2026 at 2:20 am/pm.


Jay Knight, County Judge




Attest: Lee Chambers, County Clerk

