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ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS Dustin Fawcett County Judge

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS.

the County of Ector, on the 9th of September, 2024, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) due to a commercial fire located in northwest Odessa at 8100 N. County Road West, a site with significant oilfield-related chemicals, in addition to the recent flooding in Ector County which has significantly affected the residents' air and water quality in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS,

the Ector County Judge of Ector 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 ECTOR COUNTY JUDGE OF ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS:

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Ector County, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the *Texas Government Code*.

Pursuant to §418.018(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 Ector County, Texas.

Pursuant to §418.018(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 Ector County Clerk.

Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the *Texas Government Code*, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Ector County, Texas, emergency management plan.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 9th day of September, 2024.

Ector County Judge

Jehnifer Martin Ector County Clerk