

THE GOVERNOR

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Proclamation 41-3548

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that Tropical Depression Harvey poses a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, storm surge and damaging winds, in the counties of Aransas, Austin, Bee, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, and Wilson, beginning August 23, 2017.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed counties based on the existence of such threat.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 23rd day of August, 2017.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-201703308



Proclamation 41-3549

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, did issue a disaster proclamation on August 23, 2017, certifying that Tropical Depression Harvey poses a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Depression Harvey has since been upgraded to a hurricane and is likely to make landfall in Texas as a major hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the threat of imminent disaster caused by Hurricane Harvey is creating a temporary housing emergency in the state.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the Disaster Proclamation and with the authority vested in me by Section 418.020(c) of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby suspend all laws authorizing or requiring the collection of state or local hotel or motel occupancy taxes from the victims of Hurricane Harvey or personnel participating in relief operations, for a period of 14 days, beginning August 23, 2017, and ending September 6, 2017.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 25th day of August, 2017.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-201703361



Proclamation 41-3550

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, certifying that Hurricane Harvey posed a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, storm surge and damaging winds, for Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Walker, Wharton, and Wilson counties. Those same conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in these additional counties: Atascosa, Bexar, Brazos, Caldwell, Cameron, Comal, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Kerr, Lee, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Newton, Tyler, Walker, Washington and Willacy.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 26th day of August, 2017.

Greg Abbott, Governor
TRD-201703362



Proclamation 41-3551

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on August 23, 2017, certifying that Hurricane Harvey posed a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, storm surge and damaging winds, for Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson counties. Those same conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Bastrop, Burleson, Polk and San Jacinto counties in the state of Texas.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 27th day of August, 2017.

Greg Abbott, Governor
TRD-201703363



Proclamation 41-3552

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on August 23, 2017, certifying that Hurricane Harvey posed a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, storm surge and damaging winds, for Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee,

Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson counties. Those same conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the

Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Angelina, Orange, Sabine and Trinity counties in the state of Texas.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 28th day of August, 2017.

Greg Abbott, Governor
TRD-201703401



Proclamation 41-3553

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, did issue a disaster proclamation on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, certifying that Tropical Depression Harvey posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Depression Harvey has since been upgraded to a hurricane which struck the Texas coast on Friday, August 25, 2017, causing substantial destruction in South, East and Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage in Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey has caused widespread power outages that currently hinder the delivery of emergency services and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the expeditious restoration of electrical services is crucial for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Texas, and for the preservation of life and property in the recovery efforts from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code, Section 418.017, provides that the Governor may use all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with a disaster; temporarily reassign resources, personnel, or functions of state executive departments and agencies or their units for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; and use any private property necessary to cope with the disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby order the following:

Temporary Utility Connections. Utilities located in the State of Texas and regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas are hereby authorized to make temporary connections at the distribution and transmission level, voltages such as 12.5 kV, 13.2 kV, 25 kV, 34.5 kV, 69 kV, 138 kV, 230 kV, and 345 kV to restore power to electric service providers, electric cooperatives, and municipal customers within the State of Texas. This temporary action will allow faster restoration of critical infrastructure facilities and other customers that have been without power as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

Authorization to Enter and Use Property. Those utilities are hereby authorized to enter and use private property as necessary for the limited purpose of connecting power lines and reconstructing the electric utility grid, including but not limited to establishing temporary above-ground and underground power lines, switching and transforming facilities, and transporting materials and equipment necessary to the restoration of electrical power.

Protection of Private Property Rights. Those utilities are further directed to undertake the restoration effort in a manner that maximizes

the use of existing state and local government resources, easements, and property to preserve the property and privacy rights of affected Texans to the greatest extent possible.

Public Easements. State and local political subdivisions and special districts are hereby directed to temporarily provide full and complete access to existing highway, utility, and other public easements and state-owned or controlled land for these same purposes, and for only the duration in which this specific declaration remains in effect.

This proclamation shall continue in effect as long as a state of emergency and the Emergency Disaster Proclamation previously issued remains in effect, unless rescinded earlier by my order.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 28th day of August, 2017.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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