

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WEBB §

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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
RELATING TO THE SURGE OF MIGRANTS UNLAWFULLY  
CROSSING THE TEXAS – MEXICO BORDER  
February 26, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2021 Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for certain listed counties, including Webb County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor certified in the May Declaration that the ongoing surge of individuals unlawfully crossing the Texas – Mexico border poses an ongoing and imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of life and property, including property damage, property crime, human trafficking, violent crime, threats to public health and a violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity in Webb County; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to request assistance from state agencies to help mitigate the conditions affecting Webb County; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code §418.108 authorizes the County Judge to declare a state of disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge is designated as the Emergency Management Director of the County of Webb, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Judge of Webb County, Texas, has determined that based on the Governor’s Emergency Declaration adequate measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of Webb County residents.

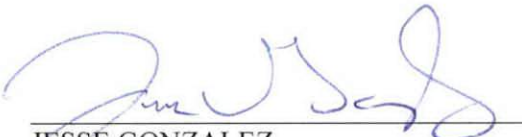
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge for the County of Webb, do hereby **declare a local state of disaster** and I have further determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to further respond, prevent and alleviate the catastrophic effect on the community and:

WEBB COUNTY JUDGE  
DISASTER DECLARATION


- Section 1. Effective immediately and pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of one year from the date of this declaration until February 25, 2025 as approved by the Webb County Commissioners Court on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, unless earlier terminated by the County Judge or continued by the Commissioners Court of Webb County, Texas.
- Section 2. Pursuant to Section 418(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 County Clerk of Webb County, Texas.
- Section 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Webb County emergency plan.
- Section 4. Where this Declaration and Order is in conflict with any **PROCLAMATION** or **ORDER** of the Governor of the State of Texas, the Governor's **PROCLAMATION** or **ORDER** shall control.

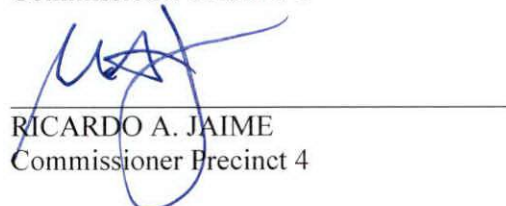
**ORDERED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.**

  
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TANO E. TIJERINA  
County Judge

  
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JESSE GONZALEZ  
Commissioner Precinct 1

  
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ROSAURO "WAWI" TIJERINA  
Commissioner Precinct 2

  
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JOHN GALO  
Commissioner Precinct 3

  
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RICARDO A. JAIME  
Commissioner Precinct 4

ATTEST:

  
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HON. MARGIE IBARRA  
Webb County Clerk

WEBB COUNTY JUDGE  
DISASTER DECLARATION