



DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo on the 5th day of April, 2022 has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from the current and recent wildfires;

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo has experienced four wildfires within the past week that has consumed over 800 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the damage and the rapidity of the wind and other conditions could rekindle and escalate constitutes an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge and the Commissioners Court of the County of Hidalgo have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken as a result of the on-going fire weather conditions and response to protect the public health, safety and the general wellbeing of County citizens, in order to alleviate the suffering of people, protect or rehabilitate property, assist and support our neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, Section §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code provides that the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a state of local disaster; and

WHEREAS, §Section 418(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a state of disaster may be continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of the County of Hidalgo; and

WHEREAS, the statewide incident identified as 22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17 March reflects the impact and damages sustained as a result of the current and existing conditions on the rest of the State, to include Hidalgo County, Texas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO:


1. That a state of disaster is declared for the County of Hidalgo, Texas; pursuant to §418.08(a) and (b) of the Texas Government Code.


2. 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 County Clerk.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of the local state of disaster activates the County emergency management plan.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.


PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 5th day of April, 2022.


APPROVED, this 5th day of April, 2022.


Richard F. Cortez, County Judge


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Commissioner, Pct. 1


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ATTEST:


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