



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Council Meeting Date:** March 19, 2024

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and possible action on a Declaration of Disaster related to the April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:**

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**Summary/Background:** The 2024 Solar eclipse is expected to see the population of Dripping Springs to triple if not quadruple in size throughout the days leading up to and including the day of the event leading to extreme traffic congestion, a strain on food and groceries, and fuel shortages throughout the city and ETJ. Enacting this disaster declaration in advance of the event activates the city's emergency management plan to take lifesaving precautions and authorizes more aid if needed.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

**Recommended  
Council Actions:** City staff recommends approval.

**Attachments:** 2024 Solar Eclipse Disaster Declaration

**Next Steps/Schedule:**