



DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO LOCAL DISASTER WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Aransas County is facing severe and ongoing drought conditions that are significantly reducing the county's available water supply;

WHEREAS, the County and the Nueces River watershed remains in an exceptional drought, and the U.S. National Weather Service predicts conditions to persist across the South Texas region, with little relief in sight. Water demand across our region is exceeding available supply, and water sources continue to deteriorate.

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi, Aransas County's primary water provider, is currently under Stage 3 water restrictions and is expected to face imminent emergency-level shortages soon;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has declared a disaster due to severe drought conditions, including Aransas County, and has authorized the use of all necessary resources to respond.

WHEREAS, these severe drought conditions pose a serious and imminent threat to county residents, our economy, and our future water security;

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton recognizes the urgency of this situation and the need to act swiftly and responsibly to protect our community.

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2026, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a disaster proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in several counties to include Aransas County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE TOWN OF FULTON,

A local state of disaster is hereby declared pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

1. This declaration will be promptly filed and publicized in accordance with

state law.

2. This action activates the County's Emergency Management Plan and authorizes all necessary measures to respond to these conditions.

3. This disaster declaration takes effect immediately upon issuance and will be in effect until the order is rescinded by County Judge authority.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF FULTON OF ARANSAS COUNTY,
TEXAS, ON THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2026.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 17, 2026

Mr. Adam Bitter
General Counsel
Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State

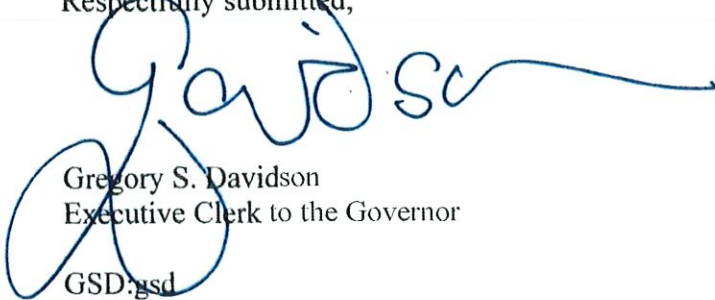
Dear Mr. Bitter:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation declaring and renewing a state of disaster in a certain number of counties based on the existence of serious drought conditions that pose an imminent threat including the increased risk of wildfire danger.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD:gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on July 8, 2022, as amended and renewed in a number of subsequent proclamations, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in several counties; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed that those same drought conditions persist in certain counties in Texas and that the presence of drought conditions in certain counties contributes to increased wildfire danger;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend and renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Bureson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Delta, DeWitt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hockley, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, La Salle, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Llano, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Marion, Martin, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Midland, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Pecos, Polk, Presidio, Rains, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Scurry, Shelby, Smith, Starr, Stonewall, Terrell, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Wood, Zapata, and Zavala Counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government 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 Texas Government 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.

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TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

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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 17th day of April, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A stylized, blocky signature in black ink that reads "A. T. U. E. E.". The letters are thick and interconnected.

On behalf of the Secretary of State

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