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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, during the recent hail storm on April 8th of 2021 that passed through our area, the roofs of many Brazos County buildings were significantly damaged;

WHEREAS, the forecast for our area to continue receiving rainfall throughout the next three (3) days;

WHEREAS, additional damage will occur if emergency repairs are not completed prior to the forecasted rainfall and moisture in the buildings may result in health and safety risks for the staff and detainees;

WHEREAS, the cost of repairs to the facilities will increase exponentially if additional damage occurs to the buildings and mitigating efforts have not been employed:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Sec. 418.08 of the Texas Government Code the County Judge may declare a local state of disaster in and for the County, and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to reduce potential for damage to property and reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and

WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the County's response to this situation; and

WHEREAS, I, Duane Peters, the County Judge and presiding officer of Brazos County, have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the potential for property damage, and risk to the health of the staff, the public and detainees:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF BRAZOS:

- 1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared throughout Brazos County pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Brazos County Commissioners Court.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency does not activate Brazos County's Emergency Management Plan.
- 5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, this declaration authorizes Brazos County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including transferring funds and arranging for immediate emergency repairs to the buildings.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 14

day of April 2021

Duane Peters
County Judge