



STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HARDIN §

**VOLUNTARY EVACUATION RECOMMENDATION
FOR
RESIDENTS IN LOW-LYING AREAS OF HARDIN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on the 16TH day of May, 2024, portions of Hardin County, Texas are in imminent threat of widespread severe property damage, injury, or loss of life resulting from countywide conditions created by ongoing torrential rainfall, major flooding, and severe thunderstorms. With high-speed winds, hail, and tornadic activity over an excessive period affecting Hardin County by causing flooding and wind damage in residential and commercial areas, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for electrical power and utility outages. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Hardin County, Texas determined, based upon forecasts issued by the National Weather Service and local authorities, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, were necessary and ordered this date; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster was filed with the Hardin County Clerk, and given prompt and general publicity in accordance with Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2024, the County Judge of Hardin County, Texas, received information regarding the updated forecasted trajectory of floodwaters from the United States National Weather Service, which is expected to result in flooding that will cause highways and roadways to become impassable for an extended period of time, and may have the potential of causing severe bodily injury or the loss of human life in the low-lying areas of Hardin County, Texas.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION IN ALL LOW-LYING AREAS OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, IS IN EFFECT AS OF FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024, EFFECTIVE AT 5:00 P.M. CST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SIGNED this 17TH day of May, 2024.

Wayne McDaniel, County Judge
Hardin County, Texas