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Hon. Leward J. LaFleur
Marion County Judge

August 26, 2020

Governor Greg Abbott
c/o Nim Kidd, TDEM
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RE: Marion County Declaration of Disaster

Dear Governor Abbott,

On August 26, 2020, I, as County Judge of Marion County, entered an Order declaring Marion County to be in a state of disaster (copy attached) because of an imminent threat of suffering and widespread damage and potential for extreme hazards Tropical Storms/Hurricanes Marco and Laura present to Marion County, Texas. This Order was entered because of a clear and present danger of extensive property damage and the potential for loss of life in the event of the development of these storms in the Gulf of Mexico.

We are requesting that you extend your prompt attention in this regard and assist Marion County and your assistance in this regard will be greatly appreciated. If you require anything further, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Leward J. LaFleur
County Judge, Marion County



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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

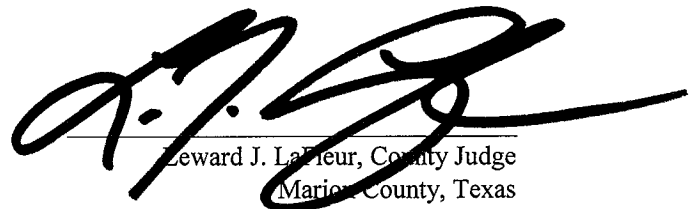
WHEREAS, the County of Marion, Texas, on the 26th day of August, 2020, was in imminent threat of being in the path of Hurricane Laura, as described in reports issued by the United States National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, potentially causing widespread injury or loss of life and severe property damage resulting from conditions created by torrential rainfall, major flooding with high speed winds and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time in residential, agricultural 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 long term countywide electrical power and utility outages. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Marion County, Texas, has determined, based upon trajectory reports issued by the National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

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

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Marion County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Marion County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Marion County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this 26th day of August, 2020.



Edward J. LaFleur, County Judge
Marion County, Texas