



JOHN H. GOTHIA
COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
123 SOUTH 6TH STREET
ORANGE, TEXAS 77630

ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of **May 2024**, Orange County, Texas, was in imminent threat of the occurrence of widespread and/or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from severe weather conditions countywide created by torrential rainfall, major flooding, and severe thunderstorms with high speed winds, hail, and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time affecting Orange County by causing flooding and wind damage, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential of residential and commercial electrical power and utility outages, this creating a public safety hazard: and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Judge has determined, based upon forecasts issued by the National Weather Service and local news media outlets, extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, and are hereby ordered.

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

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Orange 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, This State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration unless continued or renewed by the Orange County Commissioners Court.
- 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 Orange County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of a Local State of Disaster activates the Orange Emergency Management Plan.
- V. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 16th day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Viator", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Viator
Orange County Judge Pro
Tem