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Howard County, Texas

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Severe Wildfires-Gregg Abbott Includes Howard County in State of Disaster Proclamation (Renewal):

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

A proclamation certifying that wildfires pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in a number of Texas counties and hereby declaring a state of disaster.”

Please see the original Letter of Transmittal & Proclamation attached:



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

January 12, 2023

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
Gpm O'CLOCK

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Jane Nelson
Secretary of State

The Honorable Jane Nelson
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

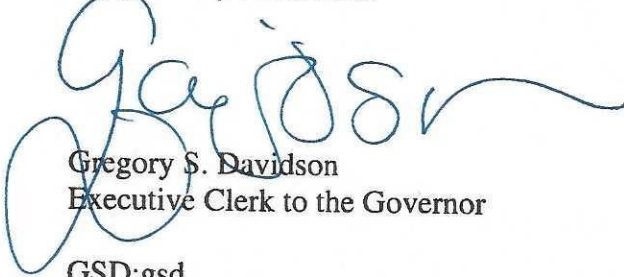
Dear Secretary Nelson:

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

A proclamation certifying that wildfires pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in a number of Texas counties and thereby declaring a state of disaster.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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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 March 18, 2022, as amended and renewed in a number of subsequent proclamations, certifying that the wildfires which began on February 23, 2022, posed an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cameron, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Erath, Gaines, Garza, Grayson, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hood, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Runnels, Starr, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Williamson, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties; and

WHEREAS, those same conditions continue to exist in these counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the disaster proclamation for the counties listed above.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the 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 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.



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 12th day of January, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

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Governor Greg Abbott
January 12, 2023

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ATTESTED BY:


JANE NELSON
Secretary of State

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