



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

January 3, 2020

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Madam Secretary:

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

A proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions continue to pose a threat of imminent disaster in Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Karnes, Kendall, Kinney, Llano, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zapata, and Zavala counties, and that such conditions also now pose a threat of imminent disaster in Bell, McCulloch, and Williamson counties.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, certified on December 12, 2019, that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Concho, Karnes, Kendall, Kinney, Llano, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zapata, and Zavala counties. I hereby certify that exceptional drought conditions continue to pose a threat of imminent disaster in Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Karnes, Kendall, Kinney, Llano, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zapata, and Zavala counties, and that such conditions also now pose a threat of imminent disaster in Bell, McCulloch, and Williamson counties.

WHEREAS, significantly low rainfall and prolonged dry conditions continue to increase the threat of wildfire across these portions of the state; and

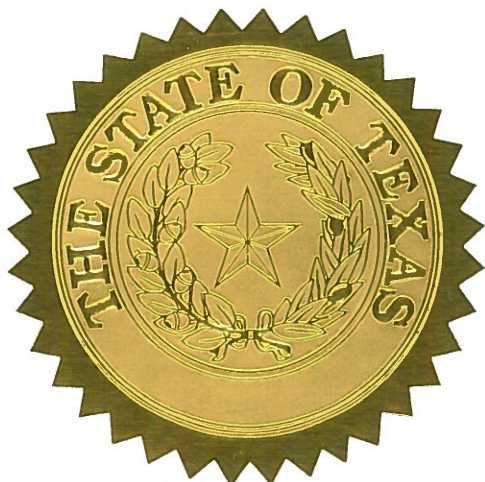
WHEREAS, these drought conditions pose an imminent threat to public health, property, and the economy;

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in Bandera, Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Karnes, Kendall, Kinney, Llano, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Williamson, Zapata, and Zavala counties based on the existence of such threat.

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 3rd day of January, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott", written over a horizontal line.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



RUTH R. HUGHS  
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