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COUNTY JUDGE - SHELBY COUNTY

July 9, 2024

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
c/o State Coordinator
TDEM
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

In Re: Declaration of Disaster in Shelby County.

Dear Governor Abbott,

I, as Shelby County Judge, have issued a Declaration of Disaster for Shelby County. This Disaster is a result of tornados, flooding, excessive rain, excessive wind, and downed trees that occurred on July 8, 2024 during Tropical Storm Beryl and is currently ongoing.

Likewise, public utilities have been impacted, as well as, public buildings, commercial businesses, and private homes. I will be working with TDEM, local authorities, county resources, and any resources our citizens have to offer during this urgent event. We are preparing a Disaster Summary Outline and will be issuing it within a few days.

Any assistance, at this time, to protect and preserve the safety and health needs of our citizens would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison Harbison". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Allison Harbison
Shelby County Judge

Enclosures: Local Disaster Proclamation

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF SHELBY

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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Shelby, Texas, has suffered from severe storms, tornados, and high winds that occurred prior to and on this the 8th day of July, 2024. The severe weather conditions have caused extensive damage to public, private, and commercial property, disruption of utility services, and endangerment of health and safety of the residents of Shelby County and Cities within the disaster area.

WHEREAS, because of the severe weather and that Shelby County is in imminent threat of additional widespread storms or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from countywide severe weather conditions. Flooding in the populated areas has caused major damage to roads and bridges preventing access to/or the safe passage on many roadways. Many trees have been blown down and limbs have fallen on power lines causing countywide power outages. Such conditions have created a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Shelby County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, are necessary and hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY:

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Shelby 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 that seven days from the date of the declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners' Court of Shelby 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 county/city Emergency Management Plan

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ALLISON HARBISON, COUNTY JUDGE
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