

State of Texas

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County of Galveston

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
FOR THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS
DUE TO JANUARY 2018 WINTER STORM EVENT**

Whereas, the County of Galveston on this, the 15th day of **January, 2018**, is under imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, or loss of life and property resulting from the January 16, 2018 winter storm event, which is expected to impact Galveston County beginning on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 with freezing rain, sleet, ice and snow, creating hazardous road conditions;

Whereas, the Independent School Districts located in Galveston County, Texas, have announced the closure of their facilities on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in anticipation of the sleet, freezing rain, and extended period below freezing;

Whereas, the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm advisory from 3 a.m. to midnight of January 16, 2018 covering Galveston County, Texas, predicting potential ice, sleet, and snow, with temperatures below freezing for an extended period, resulting in hazardous driving conditions throughout the day;

Whereas, the County Judge of Galveston County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of the people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

Whereas, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, codified as Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, authorizes the presiding officer of a political subdivision to declare a local state of disaster.

Now Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED, by the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas, the presiding officer of Galveston County, in accordance with the authority of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, that:

- 1.) a local state of disaster is hereby **DECLARED** for the County of Galveston, Texas;
- 2.) this Declaration activates the County's Emergency Management Plan;
- 3.) this Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance;
- 4.) in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of local disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days except with the consent of the Commissioners' Court of the County of Galveston;

5.) this Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Galveston County; and

6.) this Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, on this, the 15th day of January, 2018.



Mark Henry,
County Judge of
Galveston County, Texas