

State of Texas

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County of Galveston

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**ORDER OF VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FROM  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF GALVESTON COUNTY,  
TEXAS ON BOLIVAR PENINSULA**

**Whereas**, on this, the 19th day of September, 2020, Tropical Storm Beta is expected to have a significant impact on the Texas coast, with elevated high tides, thereby endangering the health and safety of persons and property within Galveston County, Texas;

**Whereas**, unincorporated areas of Galveston County on Bolivar Peninsula are expected to be impassable due to elevated storm surge, or coastal flooding;

**Whereas**, ferry service to and from Bolivar Peninsula may become temporarily closed due to wind speed or storm surge and State Highway 87, the only evacuation route, is expected to become impassable due to flooding;

**Whereas**, a local state of disaster for Galveston County has been declared; and

**Whereas**, the County Judge is authorized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas to take such actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, and recovery.

**Now Therefore**, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas, that:

- 1.) The County Judge **FINDS** that a **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Galveston County, Texas, on **BOLIVAR PENINSULA** is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
- 2.) A **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Galveston County, Texas, located on **BOLIVAR PENINSULA** is hereby **ORDERED**; these areas correspond to the unincorporated areas of Galveston County located in the following Zip Codes: 77623, 77617, and 77650;
- 3.) **Duration of Voluntary Evacuation.** Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, the **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** issued herein shall begin on **Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 09:00a.m.** and continue in effect until **Thursday, September 26, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**;
- 4.) The issuance of this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** shall **NOT** preclude the County Judge from taking further actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;

- 5.) This **ORDER** shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas; and
- 6.) This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED** on this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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Mark Henry,  
County Judge of Galveston County, Texas