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County of Galveston

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS**

Whereas, the County of Galveston, Texas, on this, the 10th day of September, 2024, is under imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, or loss of life and property resulting from the impending arrival of Tropical Storm FRANCINE which is expected to make landfall on the Texas Coast, affecting the coastal and inland areas of Galveston County, Texas;

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 for other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; 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, including without limitation, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, that:

- 1.) a local state of disaster is hereby **DECLARED** for the County of Galveston, Texas;
- 2.) this Declaration activates the Galveston County Emergency Management Plan;
- 3.) this Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or inter-jurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this Declaration and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans;
- 4.) in accordance with Section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this Declaration 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;
- 6.) this Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance; and
- 7.) a violation of this Disaster Declaration or Orders issued hereunder is punishable as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

It is hereby **ORDERED**, this 10th day of September, 2024.


Mark Henry,
County Judge of Galveston County, Texas