

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF FANNIN §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO
SEVERE WEATHER**

WHEREAS, Fannin County has experienced flooding, large hail, and damaging winds May 9, 2024 through May 26, 2024 that has caused damage to county roads, homes, infrastructure, crops and Independent School Districts; and

WHEREAS, this damage to county roads, homes, infrastructure, crops, and Independent School Districts poses a threat of individual and group safety and financial threat to local economies; and

WHEREAS, severe weather has the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent”; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and recovery costs could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of travel hazards and individual and group economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Newt Cunningham, County Judge of Fannin County, declare a local state of disaster based on individual and group safety and financial threat to local economies in Fannin County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or 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.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 28th day of May, 2024.



Newt Cunningham,
Fannin County Judge

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