

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HOUSTON §

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the County of Houston is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury of loss of life or property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to extremely dry grassland fuel, drought and other weather related conditions; and

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY JUDGE of Houston County has determined that to mitigate the hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry conditions, extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HOUSTON COUNTY:


1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Houston County pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. This Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Houston County.
3. All outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Houston County. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities carried out by Federal Certified Agencies.
4. This Declaration of shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Houston County.
5. This Declaration of the local state of disaster activates the Houston County Emergency Management Plan.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, ORDERED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2023.

SIGNED:

  
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Jim Lovell, County Judge

ATTEST:

  
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Terri Meadows, County Clerk