



STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JASPER

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### DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the \_\_23<sup>rd</sup>\_\_ day of May, 2026, was in in the path of a major weather event described in reports issued by the United States National Weather Service, the Texas State Operations Center and local professional meteorologists, causing widespread or severe damage to property, potentially resulting in injury or loss of life resulting from countywide conditions created by torrential rainfall, localized and potential major flooding with high speed straight line winds and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time, affecting Jasper County by causing flooding and wind damage in residential and commercial areas, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for long term countywide electrical power and utility outages. These conditions may be exacerbated by the risk of dead trees and large limbs falling that were killed in the massive drought die-off in 2023. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, has determined, based upon reports issued by the National Weather Service, the Texas State Operations Center, local professional meteorologists, and local emergency response agencies responding to widespread damage in local Jasper County communities that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS:**

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Jasper County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the 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 Jasper County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Jasper County Emergency Management Plan.
- V. This declaration of disaster further authorizes state and county personnel, emergency responders and utility providers to take actions necessary to clear roadways, perform search and rescue operations as needed, and restore power to areas affected by storm damage in order to preserve life and property.

**ORDERED** this \_\_23<sup>rd</sup>\_\_ day of May, 2026.

Mark W. Allen, County Judge  
Jasper County, Texas