

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BROOKS §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO THE MILLER FIRE ON
MARCH 4, 2022.**

WHEREAS, Brooks County has experienced a wildfire that initiated in the Miller Property; and

WHEREAS, the fire consumed three hundred (300) acres of land; and

WHEREAS, the Miller Fire endangered lives and caused damage to 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 damage and the rapidity with which of the wind and other conditions could rekindle and escalate constitutes 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 the fire; 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, Eric Ramos, County Judge of County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of lost lives and property damage in Brooks 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BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County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.

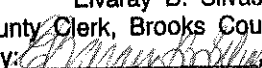
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not 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 5th day of March, 2022.


County Judge

Filed with the Clerk of County on March 5, , 2022


County Clerk

File for Record at <u>12:30</u> o'clock <u>P.</u> M.
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Elvaray B. Silvas County Clerk, Brooks County, Texas
By:  Deputy