



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

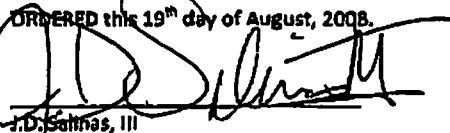
WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo on the 16th day of August, 2008, has suffered widespread flooding from

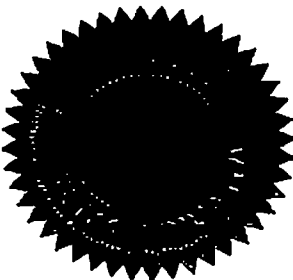
Recent heavy rains within the last 48 hours has caused damages to property, homes and crops. More rain is expected within the next 48 hours.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Hidalgo County has determined that 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 HIDALGO COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hidalgo County pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the 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 Hidalgo County.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county emergency management plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 19th day of August, 2008.

 J.D. Salinas, III
 Hidalgo County Judge



Attest:

 Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
 Hidalgo County Clerk