

Proclamation recognizing National Hurricane Preparedness Week

- Whereas* every June 1 marks the beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season; and
- Whereas* hurricanes are among nature’s most powerful and destructive weather events spawning, on average, 12 tropical storms including six named storms that affect the Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico; and
- Whereas* among the greatest threats posed by hurricanes are storm surges, massive rain, deadly wind gusts and tornados; and
- Whereas* emergency preparedness experts have learned that preparation ahead of any potential hurricane or tropical storm helps minimize the risks significantly; and
- Whereas* the process of raising awareness includes National Hurricane Preparedness Week, which is April 30 to May 6 this year; and
- Whereas* part of this preparation is the development of an evacuation plan, including one for your pets; assembling disaster supplies such as food, water, batteries, chargers, radios, cash; conducting an insurance checkup; creating a communication plan with a handwritten list of contacts; and
- Whereas* since 1851, there have been 64 hurricanes that have struck the Texas coast, averaging one every three years, including the last hurricane to affect Hidalgo County, which was Hanna in 2020, causing an estimated \$1 billion in property and crop damage.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes the week of April 30 to May 6 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week and encourages its residents to make preparations now for the June 1 hurricane season.

Approved this 2nd day of May 2023.

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