



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE  
County of Hidalgo

RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

July 5, 2024

*"In remembrance of those before us."*

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
c/o Chief Nim Kidd  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
P.O. Box 4087  
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Dear Governor Abbott:

The County of Hidalgo, Texas is facing significant threats to life, health and property due to the impending impact of Hurricane Beryl posing a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury and widespread flooding, damaging wind, and heavy rainfall.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the local jurisdiction to control. Pursuant to §418.00 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for the State of Texas and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency.

A timely response to this request would be appreciated. If you would like to contact me please do so at 956-318-2600.

Sincerely,

*Richard F. Cortez*

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Hidalgo County Judge



## DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo on the 5th day of July, 2024, faces an imminent threat of imminent of disaster including widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life due to widespread flooding, damaging wind, and heavy rainfall caused by Hurricane Beryl; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of the County of Hidalgo has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and general wellbeing of County citizens, in order to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code provides that the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a state of local disaster;

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

1. that a state of disaster is declared for the County of Hidalgo, Texas;
2. that the County's Emergency Management Plan has been activated;
3. that this State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hidalgo, Texas; and
4. that this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

*Richard F. Cortez*

Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

