



DAN A. GATTIS  
County Judge  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

October 22, 2018

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

Dear Governor Abbott:

Williamson County is facing significant threats to life, health and property due to on-going flooding in Williamson County and Central Texas, along with the potable water outage within the City of Austin and unincorporated areas served by the City of Austin within Williamson County. This water outage is estimated to extend beyond five to seven days and could be exacerbated by additional rainfall and flooding in Williamson County and along the Upper Colorado River Basin.

The impact of this incident is that an estimated 80,000 residents, 27 public school facilities, and an unknown number of businesses are being affected by this water emergency. Additionally, Williamson County has sustained damage to county road infrastructure and debris accumulation resulting from flooding.

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 §433.001 of the Texas Government Code, I am formally requesting assistance from the State of Texas under the existing State Disaster Declaration signed on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, which included Williamson County. Assistance being requested is support in the acquisition and distribution of potable water to affected residents and independent school districts.

Furthermore, I am requesting that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, injury, or damage to property is contained.

Sincerely,

Dan A. Gattis  
Williamson County Judge

*State of Texas*

*County of Williamson*

**DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Williamson on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018 issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Williamson County resulting from continued severe weather, flash flooding, and potable water outages that occurred on or about October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Judge 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 WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS:**

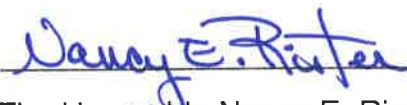
That a state of disaster is declared for Williamson County Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

1. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued or renewed by consent of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Williamson County Clerk and the Texas Division of Emergency Management.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster activates the Williamson County emergency operations plan.

ORDERED this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of **October, 2018**.



The Honorable Dan A. Gattis  
County Judge  
Williamson County, Texas

Attest: 

The Honorable Nancy E. Rister  
County Clerk  
Williamson County, Texas