

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Williamson as of the 16th day of March, 2009, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the effects of ongoing drought conditions, and

WHEREAS, such drought conditions are classified as "extreme or exceptional" by the U.S. Drought Monitor, and

WHEREAS, such drought conditions are not forecast to improve in the foreseeable future, but rather are forecast to worsen, and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Williamson County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and livestock, to protect or rehabilitate property, and restore or maintain the economic framework of our agricultural community.

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

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Williamson County, Texas 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 Williamson 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 of Williamson County.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Williamson County emergency management plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 16th day of March, 2009.



Dan A. Gattis, Judge
Williamson County, Texas