

**ORDER  
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER  
FOR SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS  
DUE TO WILDFIRES  
APRIL 4, 2022**

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, wildfires posed a threat of imminent disaster, including potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale in the County of San Patricio, Texas, and, the County Judge of San Patricio County, Texas believes it necessary to declare a state of local disaster on April 4, 2022 due to imminent threat from wildfires; and

WHEREAS, incorporated and unincorporated areas of San Patricio County may suffer widespread or severe damage or loss of life or property on or after April 4, 2022 from wildfires; and

WHEREAS, there is a possibility of loss of utility or other necessary services in areas of San Patricio County; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of disaster activates the San Patricio County Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of San Patricio County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, be it also proclaimed that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, and the sale and use of all fireworks, which purpose is to be considered in any enforcement action based upon this order, and

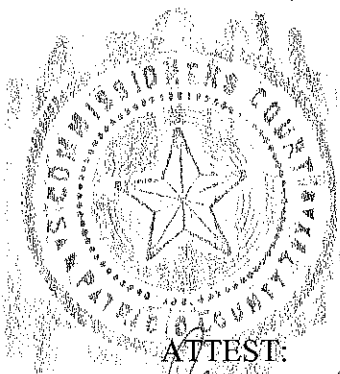
WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the declaration of local state of disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days except with the consent of the Commissioners' Court of San Patricio County, Texas.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO, TEXAS, that:**

- 1.) A Declaration of State of Local Disaster for the County of San Patricio, Texas resulting from wildfires is hereby declared;
- 2.) This Declaration activates the San Patricio County Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Plan;

- 3.) This Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the Declaration, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans;
- 4.) If, within seven (7) days, this Declaration receives the consent of the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County, Texas, then this Declaration activating a local state of disaster shall be effective for thirty (30) days on and from its date of issuance. This Declaration may be terminated before the expiration of thirty days by subsequent order of the County Judge, and may be continued or renewed beyond thirty days from its date of issuance only with the consent of the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County, Texas;
- 5.) The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Declaration are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Declaration should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Declaration that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Order are severable;
- 6.) This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of San Patricio County; and
- 7.) This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



ATTEST:

*Gracie Alaniz Gonzales*  
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San Patricio County Clerk

*David R. Krebs*

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County Judge  
San Patricio County, Texas