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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of San Jacinto on the 24th day of January, 2024, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people due inclement weather and severe flooding due to recent rainfall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY;

WHEREAS, several County and State highways are inundated with water due to extreme rainfall and extraordinary measures are necessary to alleviate people's suffering; **and**

WHEREAS, as of January 24, 2024, there are more than 10 confirmed cases of flooded roadways throughout San Jacinto County; **and**

WHEREAS, The Trinity River is anticipated to continue to rise rapidly, posing a threat to the accessibility of roads, highways, and bridges in the region; **and**

WHEREAS, The Trinity River Authority has implemented mandatory early release of water currently of 70,000 cfs, due to extreme local rainfall and excessive rainfall upstream; **and**

WHEREAS, Local schools, and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules in consideration of the safety and well being of the students, staff and the community; **and**

WHEREAS, it recommended that the schools implement emergency release of schools in both Coldspring ISD and Shepherd ISD as a pre-emptive measure to ensure that citizens can navigate the affected areas safely without undue risk from January 24- 26, 2024; **and**

WHEREAS, it is further recommended that constituents residing below the Lake Livingston dam and other low lying, flood prone areas voluntarily evacuate the area; **and**

NOW THEREFORE I, FRITZ FAULKNER, COUNTY JUDGE of San Jacinto County, do hereby certify that excessive rainfall and flooding poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me, I hereby declare a state of disaster for San Jacinto County, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and the seal of San Jacinto County on this the 24th day of January, 2024.


Fritz Faulkner, County Judge

Attest: 
Dawn Wright, County Clerk