



STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §                   **ORDER NO. 2024-027**  
COUNTY OF DE WITT   §

**PREEMPTIVE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**

**WHEREAS** on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024 the County of DeWitt is under imminent threat of widespread and severe damages; disruption of utility services; injury or loss of human life or animals; and livestock or property resulting from the potential of strong winds, flooding, and tornadoes associated with Hurricane Beryl; and

**WHEREAS** the county judge of De Witt County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate and/or alleviate the suffering of people, remove debris, and to protect animals and livestock, or to rehabilitate property or the environment; and

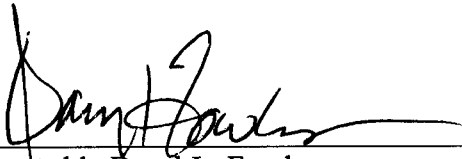
**WHEREAS** as Acting Governor of the State of Texas, the Honorable Dan Patrick, has preemptively declared a state of disaster in more than 40 counties, including De Witt, posed by the imminent threat of Hurricane Beryl, by and through, an amended Proclamation dated July 6, 2024 and attached hereto; now, therefore;

**BE IT DECLARED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS:**

1. That a state of local disaster is declared for De Witt County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. 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 Commissioner's Court of De Witt County, Texas.

3. 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 De Witt County Clerk and the Texas Division of Emergency Management.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster activates the De Witt County Emergency Management Plan.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and after its issuance.

**BY MY SIGNATURE AFFIXED BELOW THIS DECLARATION IS AFFIRMED,  
ISSUED, AND PROCLAIMED on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.**



Honorable Daryl L. Fowler  
De Witt County Judge

Attest: Natalie Carson  
Honorable Natalie Carson  
County Clerk

By: Chelsea M. Highland  
Deputy





GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 6, 2024

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
12:15 PM O'CLOCK

Mr. David Nelson  
Deputy Secretary of State  
State Capitol, Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

JUL 06 2024  
*David Nelson*  
Secretary of State

Dear Deputy Secretary Nelson:

Pursuant to his powers as Acting Governor of the State of Texas, Dan Patrick has issued the following:

A proclamation amending a previous proclamation that declared a state of disaster in a certain number of counties based on the threat posed by Hurricane Beryl on July 5, 2024, and that continues, by adding additional counties to the disaster area.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gregory S. Davidson*  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

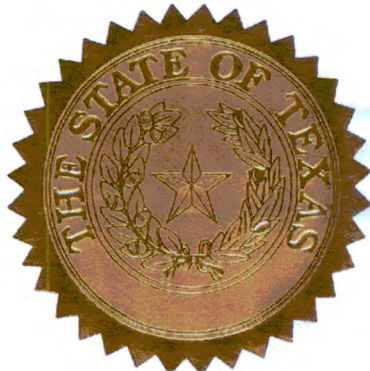
WHEREAS, I, Dan Patrick, Acting Governor of the State of Texas, issued successive disaster proclamations on Friday, July 5, 2024, certifying that Hurricane Beryl poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, life-threatening storm surge, damaging wind, and heavy rainfall in Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in the additional counties of Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, Delta, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Marion, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Williamson, and Wood Counties.

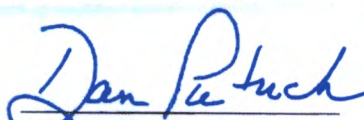
Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 6th day of July, 2024.

  
DAN PATRICK  
Acting Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
12:15 pm O'CLOCK

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*Acting Governor Dan Patrick*  
July 6, 2024

*Proclamation*  
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ATTESTED BY:

  
DAVID NELSON  
Deputy Secretary of State

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12:15 pm O'CLOCK  
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**DARYL L. FOWLER**  
**County Judge**

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July 7, 2024

Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
c/o State Coordinator, Texas Division of Emergency Management  
P O Box 4087  
Austin, TX 78773-0001

RE: Request for state resources in response to Hurricane Beryl

Dear Governor Abbott:

As Hurricane Beryl approaches the central Texas coastline near Calhoun County on this day, I write to advise that the damages due to high winds, heavy rainfall and potential flooding, or tornadoes could constitute a public health and safety hazard if they are experienced in our inland county. We have experienced such as a result of previous hurricanes named Claudette and Harvey.

The potential response could be beyond the financial capability of De Witt County to handle alone, and therefore, state or federal assistance would be necessary.

I certify that De Witt County does not have local funding available to make needed repairs and provide its citizens with effective relief.

Your assistance with state resources in this public health and safety matter would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl L. Fowler", written over a horizontal line.

Daryl L. Fowler  
De Witt County Judge

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/enclosures: Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Beryl 2024