



DECLARATION OF COUNTY JUDGE RUDY MADRID
REGARDING LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO IMMINENT THREAT OF TROPICAL STORM HANNA
ISSUED JULY 24, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, Kleberg County expects TROPICAL STORM HANNA to strengthen and make landfall as a strong Tropical Storm on Saturday, July 25, 2020. Wind gusts to hurricane force will be possible near the center. Heavy rainfall is expected to occur beginning tonight through Sunday. Due to the slow movement of Hanna, rainfall could be significant and dangerous flooding may result. The combination of increasing swell height, swell periods, and wind speeds may result in minor to moderate coastal flooding and an increased threat of dangerous rip currents along Gulf-facing beaches of the Middle Texas Coast this weekend, including Kleberg County beaches. Hanna has a predicted total rainfall amounts of 4 to 6 inches with isolated amounts of up to 10 inches. Isolated tornadoes are possible; and

WHEREAS, TROPICAL STORM HANNA poses an imminent threat of damage, injury, loss of property, and economic and social disruption due to high winds, tidal surges, and other public calamity resulting therefrom; and

WHEREAS, TROPICAL STORM HANNA has the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code, Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county, "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which TROPICAL STORM HANNA could escalate constitutes an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of public injury; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential to protect lives and property by mitigating the threat of TROPICAL STORM HANNA; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, that I, Rudy Madrid, County Judge of Kleberg County, declare a local state of disaster based on the imminent threat of TROPICAL STORM HANNA in Kleberg County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the Kleberg County Commissioners Court.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk, posted on the County's webpage and made aware for general publicity.

SIGNED this 24th day of July, 2020.



RUDY MADRID
KLEBERG COUNTY JUDGE