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**City of Kingsville Preparing for Potential Tropical Storm, Residents Urged to Remain Weather Aware & Prepare**

KINGSVILLE, TX – The City of Kingsville is closely monitoring Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine. Emergency Management Coordinator Chief Juan Adame has elevated the city's readiness to Level III. Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid has increased readiness to Level III and ordered the closure of all Kleberg County buildings on Tuesday. A voluntary evacuation has been ordered for low lying areas in Riviera, Baffin Bay and Loyola Beach. Naval Air Station Kingsville has ordered the RV park on the installation to evacuate. This storm has the potential to cause heavy rainfall in our area with the heaviest chance of rain occurring from late Monday night through Tuesday night. Winds could reach gusts of 40 to 50 miles per hour Tuesday, sustained winds are forecast at 25 to 35 miles per hour. Tornado activity is possible during this storm, please consider any sounding sirens real and not a test.

Please take all precautions to prepare your family for this potentially hazardous weather event now. City staff recommends all citizens acquire the necessary supplies to include medication, food, water, and batteries. It is advised you make sure your vehicles have a full tank of gas and all cell phones are fully charged.

In preparing your home for this storm, please secure all loose items. Make sure your property is cleared of any debris that could cause damage to your home or your neighbors' property. Also, bring all residential rollout trash receptacles in from the street. Public works will continue trash service and crews are working now to clear storm drains and pick up brush piles. In the event flooding occurs on City of Kingsville streets, crews are prepared to barricade dangerous and water obstructed roadways. It is recommended citizens stay off the roads and at home during periods of heavy rainfall.

The City of Kingsville Health Director Emilio Garcia is asking residents to make plans for their outdoor pets. It is recommended that you bring them inside for the duration of the weather event, if that is not possible, it is required that outdoor pets have shelter, food, and water.

The City of Kingsville Emergency Operation Center is prepared to respond to this weather event and staff remains in contact with county officials to monitor conditions and coordinate response.

You may get the most up-to-date and accurate information on the official City of Kingsville Facebook page. Media may direct inquiries to Janine Reyes, City of Kingsville PIO at (361) 455-5946.

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