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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2022, Governor of Texas Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in several counties, including Cameron County; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2022, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. issued a declaration of disaster upon determining extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property attributed to ongoing serious drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron County Commissioners' Court adopted a resolution on July 18, 2023, urging Mexico to comply with the 1944 Water Treaty and release the water allocation due to the United States to help replenish the water levels at Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron County Commissioners' Court adopted a 2nd resolution on March 26, 2024, strongly urging Mexico to comply with the 1944 Water Treaty and release the water allocation due to the United States to help the ongoing current and forecasted water shortage issues; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of Cameron County has sent letters to the United States Department of State, Secretary Antony Blinken, on January 10, 2024, and March 12, 2024, to alert the appropriate federal government officials of our water shortage crisis and request immediate assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas Greg Abbott, who issued a disaster proclamation on July 8, 2022, amended and renewed that declaration most recently on March 17, 2024, certifying the exceptional drought conditions throughout the state of Texas, including Cameron County; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed that those same drought conditions continue to exist in Cameron County and other counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the statewide incident identified as 22-0019 Texas Statewide Drought reflects the impact and damages sustained as a result of the current and existing conditions on the rest of the State, to include Cameron County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, significantly low rainfall and prolonged dry conditions continue to increase the threat of wildfires across portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions pose an imminent and continuous threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property and to public health, municipal water supplies, and agriculture production; and

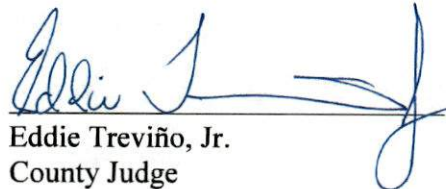
WHEREAS, Section §418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code provides that the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a state of local disaster; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF CAMERON COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is declared for the County of Cameron, Texas; pursuant to §418.108(a) and (b) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County emergency management plan.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 15th day of April 2024 at 4 o'clock, PM.


Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge