

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF GALVESTON §

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY DISASTER AD VALOREM TAX
EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE §11.35

WHEREAS, by gubernatorial declaration dated September 21, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster pursuant to Tropical Storm Beta; and

WHEREAS, Galveston County is named as one of twenty-nine counties included in and affected by said disaster declaration (a copy of which is attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if copied fully and set forth at length); and

WHEREAS, said disaster declaration invokes certain remedies pursuant to Texas Tax Code §11.35, entitled ‘Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by Disaster’; and

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code §11.35 requires that if a taxing unit adopted its tax rate before the date of the disaster declaration, said taxing unit must adopt said temporary disaster exemption in the manner provided by law for official action by the governing body of the taxing unit not later than the 60th day after the date the governor first declared a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District adopted its 2020 ad valorem tax rate before the September 21, 2020 disaster declaration by Governor Abbott; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District to adopt the temporary disaster exemption authorized pursuant to Tax Code §11.35, the Board of Trustees must by official action approve a resolution adopting said temporary disaster exemption on or before November 20, 2020 in order to meet the statutory sixty (60) day time limitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

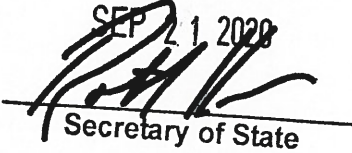
1. The Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District finds that adoption of the temporary disaster ad valorem tax exemption will provide owners of qualified properties the opportunity to receive certain economic benefits pursuant to Texas Tax Code §11.35; and



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

September 21, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
8:15am O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

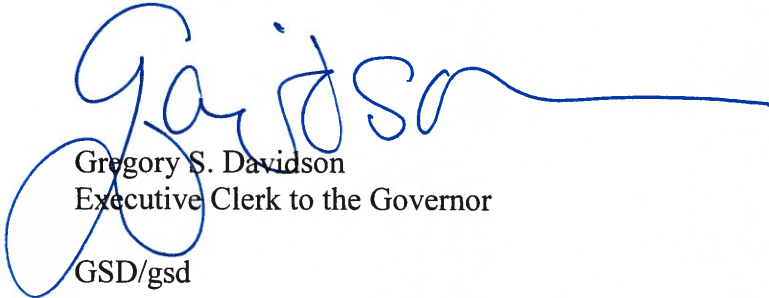
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation certifying that Tropical Storm Beta poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, in Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Patricio, Shelby, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton counties; and declaring a state of disaster.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

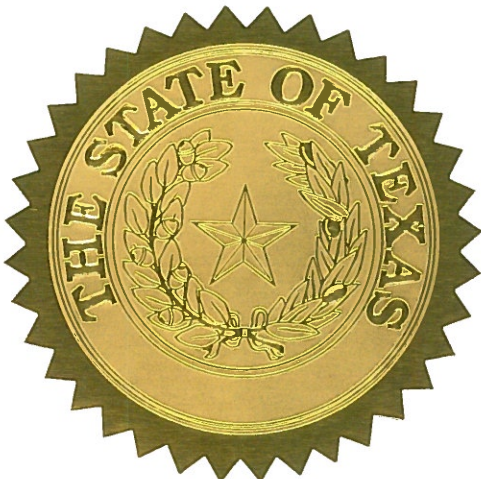
WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that Tropical Storm Beta poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, in Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Patricio, Shelby, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed counties based on the existence of such threat.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the 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 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 21st day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R. Hughs".

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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