



February 15, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
C/O: State Coordinator
Division of Emergency Management
P O Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Dear Governor Abbott;

Due to the winter storm that impacted Tarrant County beginning on February 12, 2021 with ice, snow, and below freezing temperatures, Tarrant County has experienced impassible roads, transportation accidents, damage to critical infrastructure such as roads and bridges, and numerous closures that impacted our citizens, businesses, and economy with a severe impact on jobs, production, and revenue. The storm has impacted public utilities leaving thousands without power in Tarrant County. County, State and U.S. highways throughout the County remain impassible due to the accumulation of ice and snow. Temperatures have remained below freezing for several days, forcing individuals to remain in their homes sheltering in place from the storm as the roads were hazardous throughout the County. It also required several shelters to be opened to house those without power.

Damage to businesses, public works, utilities, and roads during the winter storm constitutes a public health and safety hazard. All Tarrant County cities have been affected by this winter storm. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond Tarrant County's capability to recover without supplementary State and/or Federal assistance.

Your assistance with this emergency would be appreciated, as it affects the safety and health needs of our citizens.

Sincerely,

B Glen Whitley

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B. Glen Whitley
County Judge
Tarrant County, Texas

Enclosures: Local Declaration of Disaster



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Tarrant has suffered probable injuries to our citizens and severe damage to critical infrastructure such as public works, utilities, roads and bridges resulting from the Winter Storm that impacted Tarrant County beginning February 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Tarrant 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 THE
COUNTY OF TARRANT:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That this Declaration of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless renewed by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. This Declaration of local state of disaster activates the Tarrant County Emergency Operations Plan pursuant to Chapter 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code.

**That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
ORDERED this the 15th day of February, 2021.**

B Glen Whitley
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**B. Glen Whitley
County Judge**