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DECLARATION OF DISASTER THREAT OF WILDFIRES

WHEREAS, the County of Bastrop on the 16th Day of January 2026, is in imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from wildfires as a result of Bastrop County:

- Having not received significant rainfall for an extended period; and
- Weather forecasters offer little promise of a change in the dry conditions in the near future; and
- These dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous, and fast-moving wildfires; and
- Such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and
- The magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity at which such a fire could escalate to major portions constitute an immediate threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Bastrop 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 BASTROP COUNTY:

That a state of disaster is hereby declared for Bastrop County pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Bastrop County.

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 with the Bastrop County Clerk.

Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Bastrop County emergency management plan.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance. Ordered this 16th day of January, 2026.



Gregory Klaus
County Judge