



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Grimes, Texas, on the 23rd day of January 2026, was in imminent threat of being in the path of a severe winter weather system event, as described in reports issued by the United States National Weather Service, Texas State Operations Center and local Southeast Texas professional meteorologist. This winter weather system may potentially cause widespread injury or loss of life, as well as severe property damage, resulting from conditions created by excessive sustained periods of below freezing temperatures, freezing rain, snowfall and high-speed wind chill effects in residential, agricultural, and commercial areas. These conditions are projected to cause major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for long term countywide electrical power and utility outages, exponentially increasing the dangers of injury or the loss of life. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge authority to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven (7) days after it is issued, unless the Commissioners Court consents to its continuance or renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Grimes County Judge 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 GRIMES COUNTY,

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Grimes County pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the 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 Judge Assistant.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency Management Plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 23 day of January 2026.



Joe Fauth, County Judge