

**WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK**

**WHEREAS**, severe winter weather poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, icy conditions, and freezing rain throughout the City of Hitchcock which requires emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2021, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for all 254 counties certifying that severe winter weather poses an imminent threat, and Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code authorize the Mayor of the City of Hitchcock, as the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision, to declare a local state of disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, I, as the Mayor of the City of Hitchcock, have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life and property threatened by this severe winter weather; and

**WHEREAS**, I believe that the City of Hitchcock's Emergency Management Plan should be activated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Hitchcock, Texas, pursuant to § 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 2.** That pursuant to § 418.108 (b) of the Texas 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 City Council, unless terminated earlier.

**Section 3.** That pursuant to § 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration activates the City of Hitchcock Emergency Management Plan, including all recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans; authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance, as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering the plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of the plans.

**Section 4.** That pursuant to § 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

**Section 5.** That this Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**DECLARED AND ORDERED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
RANDY STRICKLIND, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
RUTHANN SORRELL, CITY SECRETARY