## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Brown County, Texas, on May 28, 2015, suffered widespread and severe damage, injury and loss of property resulting from extreme flooding, and;

WHEREAS, The Brown County judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate damage to property, and to protect and rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BROWN **COUNTY, TEXAS:** 

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Brown County Precinct 3 pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to Section 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 Brown County Commissioners Court.

Pursuant to Section 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 promptly with the Brown County Clerk.

Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency Management Plan.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after the date of its issuance.

ORDERED this 10 day of June, 2015.

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E. Ray West III, Brown County Judge

June 15, 2015 (Exhibit#1)

## **EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of Texas c/o Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management P. O. Box 4087 Austin, TX 78773-0001

RE: Brown County Emergency Declaration

Dear Governor Abbott:

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Brown County, Texas (and particularly Precinct 3) has suffered serious damage to property (roads) as a result of recent flooding in this area. Beyond the extensive property damage, the County now faces a very real and significant threat to the safety and lives of its residents. The threat and danger posed is a result of seriously damaged public roadways. Those roads, having suffered significant damage, create a very real danger to persons driving on the roads, because of extreme erosion and washing out of unpaved roadways. Very little or no advance warnings are apparent for such road hazards, and driving at reasonable speeds on those roads has become quite dangerous.

I have determined that the flooding and resulting damage to public roadways has created a severe and significant threat to life and property, and an effective response to that threat is beyond the capability of Brown County to control and remedy. Pursuant to Section 433.001 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for the State of Texas, Brown County and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency, including provisions for the control of public transportation in Precinct 3 of Brown County.

Additionally, I am requesting that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of danger to life, injury and damage to property is brought under control.

Time is of the essence, so I look forward to your response as soon as possible.

E. Ray West, III

County Judge