

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Hemphill is experiencing unusual and significant threats to the life, health, safety and property of its citizens due to the major winter storm in effect this date and for following days with the arrival and continuation of sub-freezing temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the winter storm and sub-freezing temperatures are creating dangerous conditions on roadways within the City due to snow and ice accumulation; and

WHEREAS, the winter storm conditions have the potential to cause significant and long-term electrical power outages, placing the citizens of the City in danger of freezing temperatures in their homes due to loss of heating capability; and

WHEREAS, these conditions and threats are dangers to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hemphill and to the critical electrical, water and sanitary sewer distribution systems of the City; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021, Daryl Melton as County Judge of the County of Sabine, issued a Declaration of Disaster in Sabine County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, as Mayor of the City of Hemphill, Texas has determined that the weather conditions described above pose an imminent threat of disaster and a public health and safety emergency and that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the citizens of the City of Hemphill, Texas, their property, and the critical infrastructure systems of the City; and

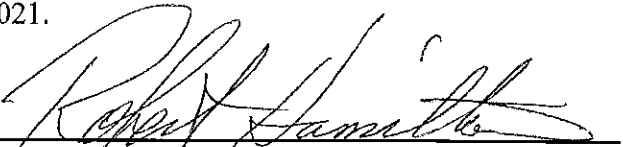
WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY ROBERT HAMILTON AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS:

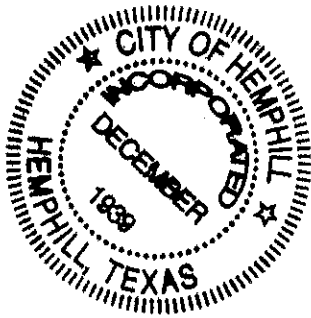
1. That a local State of Disaster is hereby declared for the City of Hemphill, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. I authorize the use of all available City resources that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(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 City Council of the City of Hemphill.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration activates the City's emergency management plan.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. 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 promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Hemphill, Texas.

ORDERED this the 17th day of February, 2021.



Robert Hamilton, Mayor
CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS



ATTEST:


Kelli Beall, City Secretary/Accountant