



**COUNTY OF NEWTON**

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**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

RONNIE COCHRAN, County Judge  
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LEANORD E. POWELL, JR, Precinct #4

STATE OF TEXAS §

No. 10029

COUNTY OF NEWTON §

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Newton County, Texas on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, was in imminent threat of being in the path of a weather event currently designated as **Potential Tropical Cyclone One**, as described in reports issued by the United States National Weather Service and the Texas Department of Emergency Management State Operations Center, potentially causing widespread injury or loss of life as well as severe property damage resulting from countywide conditions created by torrential rainfall, major flooding, tropical force winds and possible tornadic activity over an excessive period of time in residential, agricultural and commercial areas.

This includes possible 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. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Newton County, Texas, has determined, based upon the trajectory reports and potential rainfall projections issued by the National Weather Service, the Texas Department of Emergency Management State Operations Center, and local professional meteorologists, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

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

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Newton County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- II. 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 Commissioners Court of Newton County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county/city Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

*Ronnie Cochran*

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Newton County Judge

ATTEST:

*Sandra K. Duckworth by Angel Clark, Deputy*  
Sandra Duckworth, County Clerk

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BY: *Angel Clark*  
SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH, COUNTY CLERK