

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 3-2023 REGARDING LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS: After extensive and thoughtful consideration, the Judge and County Commissioners of

Caldwell County have determined it is appropriate to amend Resolution 3-2023;

WHEREAS: Caldwell County is made up of a diverse population composed of many races and

ethnicities whose health, safety and pursuit of happiness the Judge and County

Commissioners proudly strive to assure and protect;

WHEREAS: World events in the last few decades have caused a massive hardship on individuals in

various countries and regions through poor economic policies, dictatorial regimes,

terrorist, gang, and cartel forces, poor health and safety conditions and absence of

educational opportunities;

WHEREAS: As a result of the foregoing world situation the numbers of individuals seeking to

immigrate to the United States has exponentially increased beyond the capacity of

Federal, State and local governments to deal with such an influx (the "Border Crisis");

WHEREAS: Despite repeated request by the public, the Federal government has failed to adequately

address and provide a proper and comprehensive solution for the Border Crisis;

WHEREAS: The Commissioners Court of Caldwell County fully supports compliance with the

immigration laws and regulations, nevertheless it cannot ignore the situation it currently

faces and seeks to deal with as a result of the Border Crisis:

WHEREAS: As a result of the Border Crisis the resources of State and local governments have been

stretched and depleted in an effort to accommodate this large influx of humanity in a

safe and responsible manner for both citizens and non-citizens resulting in a disastrous

condition;

WHEREAS: As with any increase in population a certain increase in crime will result, and the increase attributable to the Border Crisis is currently stretching the law enforcement resources of Caldwell County threatening its ability to properly protect all individuals within the County;

WHEREAS: All children, resident and non-resident, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, are entitled to a public education, and the Border Crisis has resulted in a large increase in the student population within the school districts of Caldwell County straining their resources in an effort to fulfill that obligation;

WHEREAS: The Border Crisis is straining the health care resources of Caldwell County beyond their capacity making it difficult to effectively address the health concerns of all individuals;

WHEREAS: Due to the Border Crisis and the increased demands of a growing population resulting therefrom, the infrastructure of Caldwell County is in greater need of repair and maintenance putting a strain on the budget, manpower and equipment of Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the foregoing, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety and welfare of all individuals residing within the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT:

- The local state of disaster declared for Caldwell County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, by Resolution 3-2023 shall remain effective and continue in effect until terminated by order of this Court;
- 2. Resolution 3-2023 as amended hereby shall be given general publicity and this amendment shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Caldwell County, Texas;

- 3. The Caldwell County emergency management plan activated by Resolution 3-2023 shall remain activated;
- 4. The authorization of the use of all lawfully available resources and authority granted under both the laws and Constitution of Texas and Constitution of the United States pursuant to Resolution 3-2023, as amended hereby, shall remain effective;
- Additional directives may be issued by further order or resolution of this Court at any time deemed necessary.

RESOLVED this the 8th day of October, 2024.

Hoppy Haden

Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Rusty Horne

Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ed Theriot

Commissioner, Precinct 3

Dyral Thomas

Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez

County Clerk