



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE  
County of Hidalgo

RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

July 25, 2020

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

Dear Governor Abbott:

The County of Hidalgo, Texas is facing significant threats to life, health and property due to the impact of Hurricane Hanna with the expectation of dangerous to catastrophic flooding, dangerous high winds and torrential rains on July 25-26, 2020.

Hurricane Hanna and the associated weather events pose a threat to the public health, safety and general wellbeing of persons and property in Hidalgo County.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the local jurisdiction to control. Pursuant to §433.001 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for the state of Texas and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency.

A timely response to this request would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to contact me regarding this matter, please do at (956) 318-2600

Sincerely,

Richard F. Cortez  
County Judge  
Hidalgo County, Texas