

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
DUE TO HUMANITARIAN, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC CRISIS  
RESULTING FROM A MASS MIGRATION THROUGH HIDALGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State of Texas declared a State of Disaster in Texas on May 31, 2021, certifying under Section 418.04 of the Texas Government Code that the surge of individuals unlawfully crossing the Texas-Mexico border posed an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster for a number of Texas Counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has renewed and amended the original declaration in subsequent proclamations, with the latest being on April 21, 2023;

WHEREAS, thousands of migrants from Latin America and other countries are gathering at or near the U.S.–Mexico border awaiting processing after Title 42, which is a COVID-19 era immigration mechanism, ends along with the expiration of the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in May, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican government estimates that approximately 10,000 migrants are now camped directly across from Hidalgo County, Texas in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico awaiting an opportunity to cross the border; and

WHEREAS, a surge in migrant crossings is a significant public safety and security concern, including but not limited to the risk of injury or loss of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo is home to 5 of the 28 international ports of entry between Texas and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, based on mass migration events in the past, the County anticipates significant delays at the international ports-of-entry to include trade; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo may need to take measures to preserve the health and safety of its residents, employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of the County of Hidalgo is committed to collaborating and communicating as necessary to ensure that adequate resources are made available to handle these issues; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect all people in and coming through the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the County of Hidalgo pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §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 the County of Hidalgo.
3. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been activated.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 11th day of May, 2023.

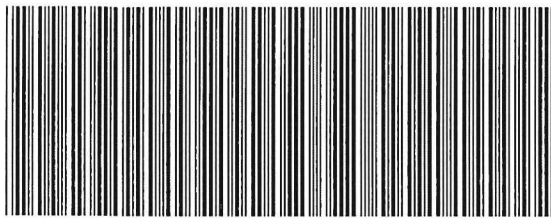
*Richard F Cortez*

Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk





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COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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Arturo Guajardo Jr.  
County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas