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## DISASTER DECLARATION FOR RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

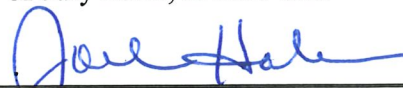
**WHERE AS**, the County of Rusk beginning on the 27th day of July 2023 suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from continued wildland fires and due to the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) of **708**; and

**WHERE AS**, the Judge of the County of Rusk has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of the people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

**THEREFORE**, Be It Proclaimed by The County Judge of Rusk County that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Rusk County, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. This declaration will prohibit all outdoor burning but will not prohibit the use of outdoor gas grills, charcoal grills, and barbeque smokers that are completely enclosed but will ban the use of any rolling unit with fire in the box on any road in Rusk County. This order does prohibit the use of burning in an enclosed burn barrel/receptacle.
3. 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 Rusk County Commissioners Court, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Rusk County Clerk, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.
5. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Rusk County Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.
6. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**ORDERED** this the 27th day of July 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

  
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**JOEL HALE**  
**RUSK COUNTY JUDGE**