

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER BY THE MAYOR  
FOR THE CITY OF HOUSTON**

**Whereas**, the City of Houston on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2021, has suffered severe damage, destruction, injury, and/or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from severe winter weather due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain or the possibility thereof; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor of the City of Houston has determined that emergency measures must be taken to either prepare for or respond to a disaster in order to prevent or minimize the loss of life and the destruction of property, and is empowered to take the actions described in this proclamation pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 418, (the “Texas Disaster Act”), **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Disaster.** A local state of disaster is hereby declared by the Mayor for the City of Houston and all surrounding incorporated areas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Disaster Act.

**Section 2. Duration of Local State of Disaster.** Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act, the local state of disaster issued in this proclamation shall continue until revoked but in no event will it exceed a period longer than seven days of the date hereof, unless continued or renewed by the consent of the City Council of the City of Houston.

**Section 3. Publicity and Filing.** Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

**Section 4. Activation of the City Emergency Management Plan.** Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Houston’s Emergency Management Plan.

**Section 5.** This proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Houston.

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**ORDERED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

ATTEST/SEAL:



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Pat Jefferson-Daniel

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Assistant City Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

APPROVED BY THE CITY LEGAL DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 13, 2021.