

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is experiencing historic low temperatures that have lasted for several days; and

WHEREAS, low temperatures began affecting the Rio Grande Valley on February 11, 2021 and continue to affect the region; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbot has declared a State of Disaster in all 254 Texas counties due to the extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, many McAllen residents have lost electricity or water service resulting in a pressing need for mass sheltering and mass care of residents, including necessities such as heat, food and water; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the damages brought by the extreme weather and to protect public health and welfare,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF McALLEN, TEXAS:

- 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of McAllen, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the local 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 City Commission of McAllen, Texas
- 3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan and all procedures and authority vested in the Emergency Management Office are invoked.
 - 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the day of February 2021.

JAMES E. DARLING

Mayor of McAllen, Texas