

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MEDINA

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MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



ORDER RATIFYING AND EXTENDING DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on Monday, June 15, 2026, the duly elected County Judge of Medina County, Texas issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Medina County, Texas, in response to the potential introduction and spread of the new world screwworm fly; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code provides that such a declaration may only be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven days with the consent of the governing body of the County; and

WHEREAS, the New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) is a destructive parasitic pest whose larvae infest living warm blooded animals and can cause severe injury, death, and substantial losses to livestock, wildlife, companion animals, agricultural operations, and related commerce; and

WHEREAS, Medina County is vulnerable to significant harm to livestock, agriculture, wildlife resources, related business activity, and property interests if the threat of New World screwworm materializes within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court, as the governing body of Medina County, has determined that the conditions necessitating the declaration of a local state of disaster continue to exist, and that it is reasonable and necessary to ratify and extend the declaration pursuant to Texas Government Code section 418.018(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Medina County:

1. That the local state of disaster declared by the County Judge for Medina County, Texas, on June 15, 2026, is hereby ratified and extended, effective immediately, and shall continue through December 15, 2026 unless earlier terminated by this Court.
2. This order is passed as an emergency measure pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.

Passed and approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

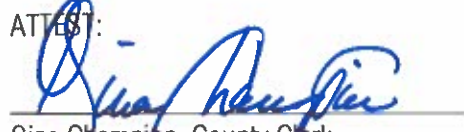
  
Keith Lutz, County Judge

Absent  
Jessica Castiglione, Commissioner Pct. 1

  
Larry Sittre, Commissioner Pct. 2

  
David Lynch, Commissioner Pct. 3

  
Danny Lawler, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:  
  
Gina Champion, County Clerk

