



## **DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, The County of Hopkins, Texas, beginning Friday, January 23, 2026, is under threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of property, or the imminent threat thereof, resulting from a forecasted winter storm, including but not limited to:

**wintry mix, sleet, snow, recurring precipitation,  
prolonged freezing temperatures, and accumulative ice; and**

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

**WHEREAS**, Hopkins County is expected to experience conditions that may cause widespread and severe damage, including loss of property to the County and its citizens, including but not limited to:

**damaged homes, buildings, roads, bridges, parks and playgrounds;  
downed powerlines, extended power outages, food spoilage, fallen trees,  
hazardous debris, and**

**WHEREAS**, such conditions may threaten public health, safety, and welfare and require the utilization of all available County resources;

**THEREFORE**, I, the County Judge of Hopkins County, Texas, do hereby authorize the use of all available and necessary public resources of Hopkins County and its incorporated cities to respond to this disaster; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS:**

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hopkins County, Texas.
2. That the Hopkins County Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated and implemented.
3. That this local state of disaster shall continue unless and until terminated by order of the Commissioners Court of Hopkins County, Texas.
4. That this declaration shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

**ORDERED** this the 21 day of January 2026, effectively immediately.

  
Robert Newsom, County Judge

**ATTEST:**

  
Tracy Smith, County Clerk

