



## ORDER LIFTING MANDATORY EVACUATION

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, the County Judge of Harris County, Texas declared a disaster due to severe weather and flooding in Harris County; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, grants the Harris County Judge the authority to order a mandatory evacuation during a state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, due to exigent circumstances, the Harris County Judge publicly announced a mandatory evacuation for residents along the East Fork of the San Jacinto River from FM 1485 to Lake Houston; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, a Mandatory Evacuation Area was widely publicized and made available on www.readyharris.org, the official website of the Harris County Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2024, a Mandatory Evacuation Order was signed by the Harris County Judge; and

WHEREAS, emergency management officials have assessed and recommended that the Mandatory Evacuation Order be lifted.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS:

- 1. That the Mandatory Evacuation Order is hereby lifted.
- 2. Residents in the Mandatory Evacuation Area are allowed to return to their homes and businesses, proceeding with caution and in an orderly manner.
- 3. To ensure safe re-entry into the Mandatory Evacuation Area, residents must follow the instructions of law enforcement and emergency management officials.
- 4. This Order shall be construed in compliance with the requirements of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and other applicable law.

- 5. Harris County officials and employees are authorized to take such action as they deem necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this Order.
- 6. This Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 6th day of May, 2024.

Harris County Judge