

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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COUNTY OF PALO PINTO       §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO SEVERE WEATHER  
AND DAMAGING WINDS**

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 28, 2026, Palo Pinto County and the City of Mineral Wells has experienced severe weather, including damaging winds, resulting in damage to homes, infrastructure, utilities, and public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions pose the threat of injury to persons, damage to property, and disruption of essential services, including electrical power and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

**WHEREAS**, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which these conditions could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of severe weather impacts and associated hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

**BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED** that I, Shane Long, County Judge of Palo Pinto County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of severe weather and damaging winds in Palo Pinto County and Mineral Wells, Texas, associated with TDEM Incident Number 26-0010.

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners' Court.

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.



*[Signature]*  
Shane Long  
County Judge, Palo Pinto County, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Palo Pinto County on April 28, 2026.

ATTEST:

**FILED**  
At 9:02 O'Clock A M

APR 29 2026

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Clerk of the County Court  
Palo Pinto County, Texas  
By *[Signature]* Deputy

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Janette K. Green