



## LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION

**WHEREAS**, Hays County has not received any appreciable rainfall for a lengthy period of time and is currently experiencing a Keetch-Byram Drought Index of 643; and

**WHEREAS**, such drought conditions are not forecast to improve in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, Hays County officials have recently received numerous reports of individuals using fireworks within Hays County, despite existing drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays County Judge has determined that the drought and other weather-related conditions pose a significant threat to Hays County citizens, their property, and the wildlife. Extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent threats and maintain the health and safety of our community.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED:**

- 1) That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hays County, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and
- 2) That, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this local state of disaster shall continue or a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date cited below, unless this local state of disaster is continued by Resolution of the Hays County Commissioners Court; and
- 3) That, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Hays County Clerk; and
- 4) That, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hays County Emergency Management Plan;
- 5) That this Proclamation is being declared for the purpose of: a) suspending and temporarily banning the use of any/all fireworks or pyrotechnics within Hays County, and b) requesting from the Governor, under §418.108(i), consent to extend this suspension past 60 hours, and at least until the termination of the Statewide Disaster Declaration that is currently in place, or until drought conditions in Hays County have subsided; and
- 6) That this Declaration shall take effect immediately upon its execution by the Hays County Judge, as is evidenced by his duly authorized signature, below.

DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 25th day of April, 2011.

Bert Cobb, M.D.  
Hays County Judge