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May 23, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Abbott,
Governor of Texas
Division of Emergency Management
P. O. Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Dear Governor Abbott:

The City of Marlin, Falls County, Texas, is facing significant threats to life, health and property due to extreme spring weather conditions including but not limited to flooding, high winds resulting possible tornado and hail.

Threats include extreme wind and/or water damage to property, including the City's water plant, wastewater plant, roads and thoroughfares, public buildings including the Fire Department and local Hospital, private residences, commercial buildings, etc. The potential impact of this continuing adverse weather threat is extreme damages to public health, safety, and property if the threat is not immediately dealt with. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the City of Marlin to control.

Pursuant to §418 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for the City of Marlin, Texas, and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency; including but not limited to equipment, personnel, additional first responders, public utilities together with emergency funding sufficient to assist our community with its basic fundamental needs. I understand that often time the funding is directed to larger and more densely populated cities but implore you to consider the plights of the state's agricultural communities. Furthermore, I am asking that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, injury, or damage property is contained.

Additionally, I certify that the City of Marlin does not have local funding available to make the needed repairs and to provide these citizens with effective relief. Your assistance in this emergency matter, as it affects the safety and health needs of our citizens would be truly and sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Susan R. Byrd, Mayor
Marlin, Texas