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**JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Jeff R. Branick, the County of Jefferson have on the 1st day of September, 2026 signed a Declaration of Disaster because of the imminent threat of suffering widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from severe rain conditions and flooding damages that will potentially impact Jefferson County, Texas as a result of severe rain and flooding by Tropical Storm Edouard in September, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jefferson County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken and continued to alleviate the suffering of people impacted and to protect or rehabilitate property and that it is necessary to issue this Declaration of Disaster; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County will request that Governor Abbott issue a directive for all state offices to provide disaster assistance for Jefferson County and the other Texas counties that are listed in the Governor's Disaster Declaration of September, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTYJUDGE OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the County of Jefferson pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code until terminated by the County Judge;
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jefferson County;
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk;
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency Management Plan;

5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 1 day of September, 2026 at 7:43 o'clock a.m. / p.m.



Jeff R. Branick, County Judge
Jefferson County, Texas