



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo ("City") is a Home Rule City, acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code, and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2023, the federal government has shut down as lawmakers have yet to pass a bill to fund the government's operations, and

WHEREAS, the federal government has not faced this dilemma since 2018, when the federal government shut down for 35 days, and

WHEREAS, the lack of funding may disrupt immigration processing, leaving the City of Laredo vulnerable to immigrants trying to enter the United States illegally, and

WHEREAS, the government shutdown may lead to possible disruptions in our bridge operations due to a lack of personnel from the Department of Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo, on the 30th day of September 2023, was notified of the federal government shutdown, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Laredo has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate any adverse effects that stem from the federal government shutdown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS:

- (1) That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Laredo, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- (2) Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City of Laredo.

- (3) Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity. It shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- (4) Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan.
- (5) As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and power conferred by state law to respond as necessary to the situation which is the subject of this Declaration.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS 30th day of September 2023.



Dr. Victor D. Trevino,
Mayor



For: Jose A. Valdez, Jr.,
City Secretary