Fellow Texans,

Today in Kinney County we are declaring a Local State of Disaster due to the thousands of illegal aliens invading our great State of Texas. This invasion has resulted in our residents being assaulted, injured, threatened, robbed, and intimidated by illegal aliens from around the world. As Texans, we will no longer allow the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our borders to be violated.

On April 21, 1836, Texas won her independence during the battle at San Jacinto, the final and decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. Today, 185 years later, Texas is once again under siege, as thousands upon thousands of illegal aliens invade our State through our border with Mexico.

The current status quo of our border is NOT sustainable, and endangers the health, life, and property of our residents. To effectively maintain the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our borders, the counties in Texas must stand together against this invasion and demand action from our governor and state leadership.

Numerous counties across Texas have already pledged to sign their own Declaration of Local State of Disaster. We look forward to coordinating with those counties and other state officials in establishing the necessary safeguards that will keep our residents safe.

Tully Shahan, County Judge
Kinney County, Texas

Brent Smith, County Attorney
Kinney County, Texas
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the health, life, and property of the residents of Kinney County is under an imminent threat of disaster from the human trafficking occurring on our border with Mexico. The ongoing border crisis has resulted in thousands of illegal aliens invading Kinney County and overwhelming our local, state, and federal law enforcement. This continual violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity has resulted in residents of Kinney County being assaulted, threatened with violence, and robbed, while also sustaining vast amounts of property damage; and

WHEREAS, the public health and safety of the residents of Kinney County is under an imminent threat of disaster from an elevated risk of exposure to unknown variants of COVID-19 resulting from the human trafficking occurring on our border with Mexico. The limited resources of Kinney County cannot adequately furnish the necessary procedures and facilities set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the testing and quarantining of thousands of illegal aliens who may be infected with unknown variants of COVID-19, or other infectious diseases that residents have not been vaccinated for; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Kinney County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of county residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF Kinney County, Texas:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Kinney County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

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 renewed by the County Judge or continued by the Commissioners’ Court of Kinney County, Texas.

3. Pursuant to Section 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 County Clerk of Kinney County, Texas.

4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Kinney County emergency management plan.

5. Pursuant to Section 362.002(a) of the Texas Local Government Code, this local state of disaster is intended to authorize, and does hereby declare, that a state of civil
emergency exists in Kinney County, Texas, and requests the assistance of additional law enforcement to uphold the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.

6. Pursuant to Section 433.005(a) of the Texas Government Code, this local state of disaster is intended to request, and does hereby request, that the Governor of Texas provide state military forces to aid in controlling conditions in the county by assisting the County Sheriff in the enforcement of law and the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.

7. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available resources and authority granted under both the Constitution of Texas and the Constitution of the United States.

8. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Kinney County Commissioners’ Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 21st day of April 2021.

Tully Shahan, County Judge
Kinney County, Texas