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To the Citizens of Llano County,

On February 14, 2021, Winter Storm Uri brought freezing temperatures that left thousands of residents in Llano County without heat, power, or water. We are extremely grateful that throughout the perils of the storm our state, county, and city employees, Central Texas Electric Coop, Pedernales Electric Coop, and many of our citizens worked tirelessly day and night to restore power and provide shelter, hot meals, water and food to those in need. Llano County residents performed in an exemplary fashion pulling together and responding to this historic event.

Our state, county, and city first responders performed admirably throughout the storm performing their day-to-day functions in brutally cold and icy conditions and additionally, conducted welfare checks, provided transportation to warming centers, and distributed food and water. Our sense of community camaraderie and volunteer efforts, particularly to assist those in senior living facilities and residents in need, was truly inspiring.

Working together, as power allowed, volunteers provided warming centers in Llano, Kingsland, and Sunrise Beach. Citizens were provided hot meals, refuge, and hot showers to those in need. This could not have been accomplished without the amazing members of our communities working together.

Our Emergency Management Coordinator began requesting additional water from the Texas Division of Emergency Management on February 16th. We began distributing existing water in all four precincts of Llano County on February 17th. As additional water and food arrived, we established additional distribution points throughout the county.

By establishing distribution points in all four precincts of Llano County, over the last 9 days, Llano County has distributed:

- 432 cases of 12-ounce cans of water
- 120 one-gallon containers of water
- 3,360- one-liter containers of water
- 38,304 16-ounce bottles of water
- 16,704 Meals Ready to Eat (MRE)
- Over 500 hot meals throughout the county

We are not finished yet, and by continuing to work together in times of need, Llano County will continue to be better prepared to respond to catastrophic and significant events in the future. Thank you to all those in Llano County who have and continue to help others recover from past events such as the October 2018 flood, 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic, 2021 Winter Storm Uri, and any future catastrophic events that we may encounter.

-Sincerely,

Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge