



MARGIE A. CASTELLANO, CLERK COUNTY COURT
 REFUGIO COUNTY TEXAS
 FILED JUL - 6 2024 FILED
 11:45am
 BY Margie A. Castellano

REFUGIO COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

Order of Mandatory Evacuation Of Refugio County, Texas (For July 6, 2024)

Jhiela "Gigi" Poynter
 County Judge

Letitia Wright
 Administrative
 Assistant

Whereas, on this, the 6th day of July, 2024, Tropical Storm Beryl is expected to continue strengthening as it makes landfall along the mid-Texas coast sometime Sunday, July 7, 2024, with extremely heavy rainfall, dangerous hurricane force winds, and causing high tides with subsequent river flooding, thereby endangering the health and safety of persons and property within Refugio County, Texas, and;

Whereas, the infrastructure and facilities in Refugio County, Texas are still recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey (2017), the capacity of Refugio County emergency services personnel and first responders is limited, and heavy traffic from the July 4th holiday weekend threatens to inundate highways within the county, and;

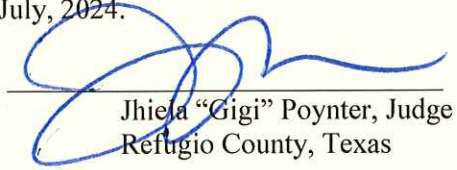
Whereas, a local state of disaster for Refugio County has been declared by Governor Abbott; and

Whereas, the County Judge is authorized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas to take such actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, and recovery.

Now Therefore, it is **ORDERED** by the County Judge of Refugio County, Texas, that:

- 1) The County Judge **FINDS** that a **MANDATORY EVACUATION** of persons of Refugio County, Texas is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, and recovery;
- 2) **Duration of Evacuation.** Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, the **MANDATORY EVACUATION** issued herein shall begin **IMMEDIATELY** and until an order rescinding said mandatory evacuation has been issued;
- 3) The issuance of this **MANDATORY EVACUATION** shall NOT preclude the County Judge from taking further actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
- 4) This **ORDER** shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Refugio County, Texas.
- 5) This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED** on this, the 6th day of July, 2024.


 Jhiela "Gigi" Poynter, Judge
 Refugio County, Texas

Mailing Address:
 808 Commerce, Room 104
 Refugio, Texas 78377

Office Telephone:
 (361) 526-4434
 (361) 526-4433

Office Fax:
 (361) 526-5100