

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER
City of Gordon, Texas**

WHEREAS, the National Drought Mitigation Center, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic Atmosphere Association have formed the United States Drought Monitor ('USDMD'); and

WHEREAS, the USDMD monitors drought conditions across the United States and as of August 22, 2023 has classified 100% of Palo Pinto County as in severe drought; and

WHEREAS, Palo Pinto County is now within the highest range of the index, indicating a severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gordon and Palo Pinto County has not received significant precipitation in several months which, along with extreme heat, has led to the depletion of the city of Gordon's water reservoir, C. B. Long Lake, to a concerning level, and

WHEREAS, the above conditions pose a substantial, significant, and imminent threat to persons and property in city of Gordon, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Section 418.108 Texas Government Code); a state of disaster is being declared due to the severe drought conditions that exist in Gordon, Texas within Palo Pinto County present an imminent and substantial danger to the residents; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures to be taken pursuant to Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to emergency management and public protection, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to reduce potential for damage to property and request assistance from the governor for state resources; and

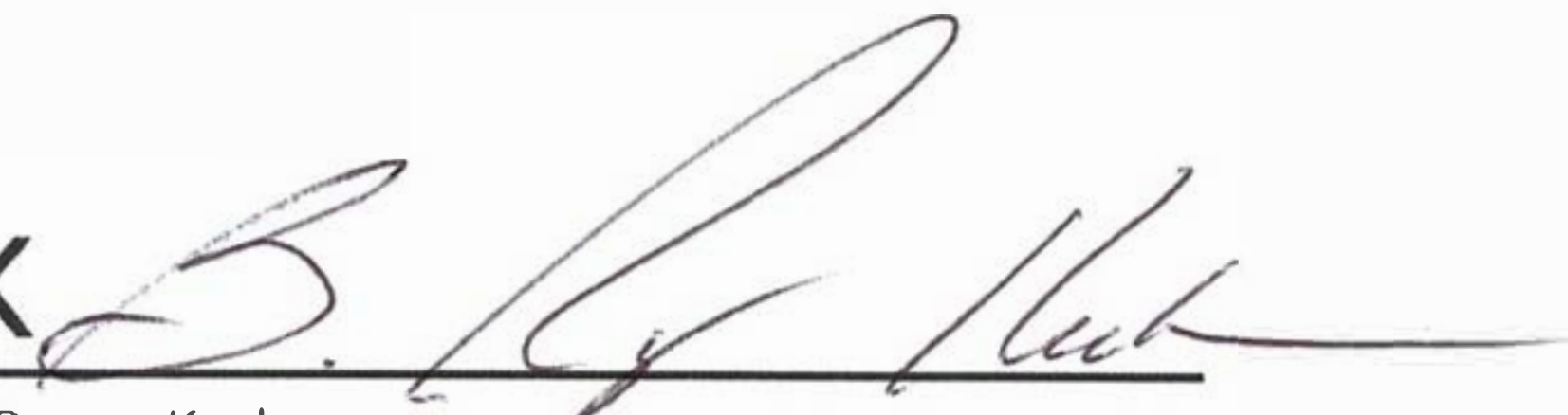
WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat be suspended for the duration of the incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority granted to me by the Texas Disaster Act (Section 418.108 Texas Government Code) and the Inter-jurisdictional Emergency Management Plan for city of Gordon within Palo Pinto County, I do hereby declare a local state of disaster due to severe drought conditions. This Declaration shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the City Council of the City of Gordon, Texas. Additionally, this Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED & ORDERED this the 5th day of September 2023.

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B. Roger Keck
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Johnson
City Secretary

