

COUNTY OF JACK

STATE OF TEXAS

Proclamation EO-9-12-22

DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR JACK COUNTY

Calling for Additional Measures to Secure the Border, Stop the Invasion at the Border, and Protect Our Communities

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the United States Constitution outlines the chief responsibility of the Federal Government is to "insure domestic tranquility" and "provide for the common defense"; and

WHEREAS, cartels exploit weak and unsecure borders for their own power and profit, to the detriment of Texas communities; and

WHEREAS, cartels act as paramilitary, narco-terrorist organizations that profit from trafficking people and drugs into the United; and

WHEREAS, over 1 million individuals have illegally crossed into the Sovereign State of Texas so far in just Fiscal Year 2022¹; and

WHEREAS, the sophisticated human smuggling and drug trafficking organizations that facilitate these criminal acts are spearheaded by violent international drug cartels who have operational control over the unsecured U.S./Mexico border and throughout Texas, resulting in known human and drug smuggling cases going through and directly impacting Jack County and all of Texas; and

WHEREAS, so far this year, CBP has identified more than 50 individuals on the known terrorist watchlist who have unlawfully entered the United States through our unsecured border with Mexico placing every Texan and American in potential imminent danger ²; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jack County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary and unprecedented measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of county residents, Texas citizens and sovereign territory; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution clearly states "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion"; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution clearly states that the Governor of Texas "shall be Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, except when they are called into actual service of the United States. He shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrections, and to repel invasions".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jack County Judge and Commissioners Court:

1. That the aforementioned recitation of facts is hereby adopted as findings of fact related to this declaration; and
2. recognizes that the sovereign state border and all of Texas is suffering from an active invasion facilitated by the criminal international cartel organizations; and
3. recognizes and affirms the sovereign and unilateral authority explicitly reserved to the States, respectively, under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution to defend themselves against invasion, which has been exacerbated by the Federal Government's failure in meeting its constitutional obligation to "insure domestic tranquility", "provide for the common defense", "execute the laws", and "protect each [State] against invasion"; and
4. supports the state-led efforts of Operation Lone Star and the expanded operation authorities available under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution; and

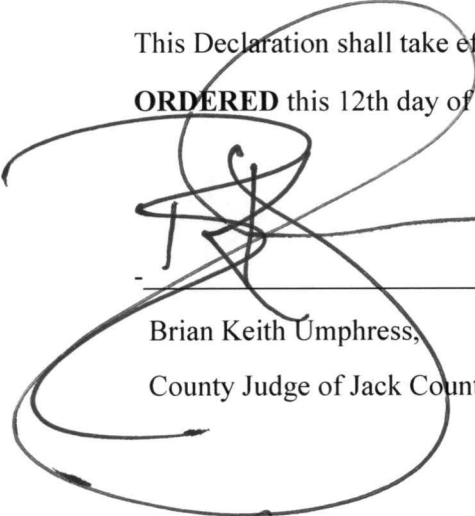
¹ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters-by-component>

² <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics>


5. requests and supports Governor Abbott to take necessary steps as allowed under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution to secure the Texas border and stop the invasion at the border, including the actions by paramilitary, narco-terrorist cartels that pose a huge risk to our communities.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance,

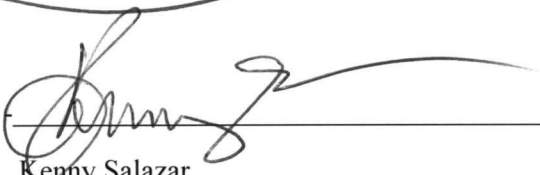
ORDERED this 12th day of September 2022.




Brian Keith Umphress,
County Judge of Jack County, Texas



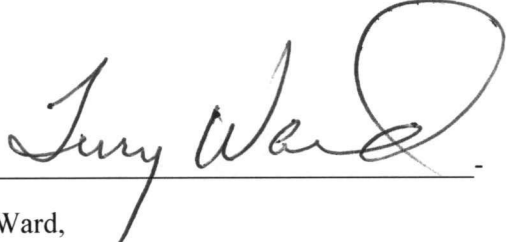
Gary Oliver,
County Commissioner, Pct. 1, Jack County



Kenny Salazar,
County Commissioner, Pct. 2, Jack County

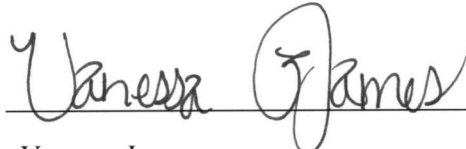


Henry Birdwell Jr.,
County Commissioner, Pct. 3, Jack County

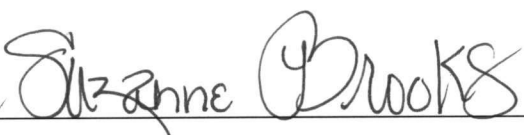


Terry Ward,
County Commissioner, Pct. 4, Jack County

ATTEST:



Vanessa James
County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

By: 

Deputy Clerk



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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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