

CITY OF SEGUIN

RESOLUTION NO:

STATE OF TEXAS

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEGUIN TEXAS AMENDING,
RATIFYING AS AMENDED, AND EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S
PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM
THE ONSET OF HURRICANE HARVEY; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND DECLARING AN ENDING DATE**

WHEREAS, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code authorizes the mayor of a city, as the presiding officer of the governing body, to declare a local state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2017, in the face of the upcoming Hurricane Harvey, Mayor Keil issued a Proclamation declaring a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey remained in the Central Texas area for a couple of days before returning towards the Gulf and travelling up through Houston causing widespread damage, flooding, loss of utilities and destruction of homes; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of emergency allows the City to take make arrangements for the health and safety of the community frequently without following the full legal procedures; and

WHEREAS, even though the Governor declared a state of emergency that included Guadalupe County, local action enables a municipality to take extraordinary measures to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, although the formal emergency has ended extraordinary measures are still needed to collect and dispose of the large amount of brush, estimated at nearly 30,000 cubic yards, generated by Harvey's wind; and

WHEREAS, the brush collection and disposal is expected to continue until the end of October; and

WHEREAS, some of the conditions necessitating a declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, state law makes allowance for the City Council to ratify and continue a mayor's declaration of disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Seguin, Texas:

Part 1. The City Council hereby finds that the above factual recitals are true and adopts the same as an integral part of this Resolution.

Part 2. The state of emergency declared by the Mayor on August 25, 2017, for the purposes of preparing the City for the possibility of a strike by Hurricane Harvey in order to prevent severe damage, injury or loss of life and property is amended to read as a declaration of disaster and is hereby ratified, as amended, by the Seguin City Council.

Part. 3. A declaration of disaster is hereby declared in order to facilitate the collection and removal of the debris caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Part 4. This Declaration shall be considered effective beginning August 31, 2017 and shall continue until October 31, 2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2017.

Don Keil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Naomi Manski
City Secretary