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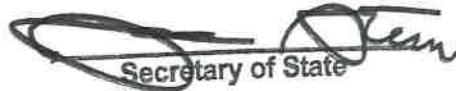
RICK PERRY  
GOVERNOR

April 18, 2013

The Honorable John Steen  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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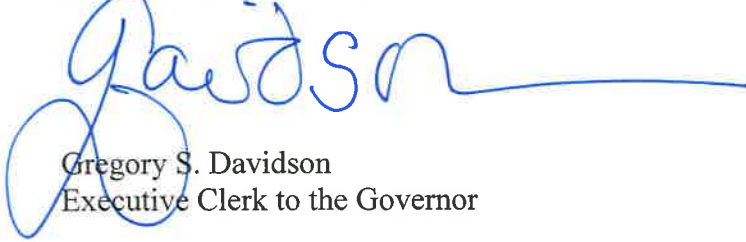
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Rick Perry has issued the following proclamation:

A proclamation declaring a state of disaster in McLennan County due to an explosion occurring yesterday at the City of West, Texas.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, RICK PERRY, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the explosion that occurred in West, Texas, on April 17, 2013, has caused a disaster in McLennan County in the State of Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the county listed above based on the existence of such disaster and direct that all necessary measures, both public and private as authorized under Section 418.017 of the code, be implemented to meet that disaster.

As provided in Section 418.016 of the code, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this disaster are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th day of April, 2013.

*Rick Perry*  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

  
JOHN STEEN  
Secretary of State

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