



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 25, 2018

The Honorable C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.
County Judge
Aransas County
2840 Highway 35 North
Rockport, Texas 78382

Dear Judge Mills:

My office is in receipt of your letter, dated May 24, 2018, in which you request that I grant an extension to the restriction on the sale, use, and possession of fireworks in Aransas County imposed by you on May 23, 2018, pursuant to section 418.108(i) of the Texas Government Code. Such a restriction is effective only for 60 hours unless extended by the governor.

You state that the restriction on the sale, use, and possession of fireworks is necessary to prevent the spread of fires throughout Aransas County, which is still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. You note that there are still many structures waiting to be demolished and piles of debris waiting to be removed, all of which constitute fire hazards. Additionally, you state that the threat of fire is intensified due to the drought conditions present in the county. Therefore, you request that the restriction on the sale, use, and possession of fireworks be extended through July 5, 2018. Based on your assertions and my office's review, your request is hereby granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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