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Harris County Clerk Waives Out-of-State Marriage License Fee for Louisiana Residents Impacted by Storm

(Houston, Texas) – Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth is waiving the additional \$100 out-of-state marriage license fee for Louisiana residents displaced by Hurricane Ida that are currently living in Harris County.

"Many Louisiana residents have temporarily relocated to the Houston area due to Hurricane Ida and despite their current situation want to move forward with their lives, including their marriage plans," said Clerk Hudspeth. "We feel their devastation and want to do our part to help."

The regular fee for a marriage license is \$74. If the applicant is not a Texas resident, there is an extra charge of \$100. HCCO will waive the extra \$100 out-of-state fee for Louisiana residents through the end of the year.

"It may be a long time before our Louisiana neighbors can move back home and some may decide to stay here," added Clerk Hudspeth. "We are definitely praying for them all and hope they can soon recover from the trauma and loss they are experiencing."

The Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO) understands the hardships caused by disasters and knows that even the smallest of gestures can make a difference during a crisis.

HCCO issues marriage licenses at all of its 11 locations. Couples must complete an application and present a valid ID such as a driver's license, ID card issued by DPS, valid passport, resident alien card or other U.S. government issued identification.

For more information about how to apply for a marriage license, go to <u>www.cclerk.hctx.net</u> or call 713-274-8686.