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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HARDIN §

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on the 16TH day of May, 2024, Hardin County, Texas, was in imminent threat of the occurrence of widespread and/or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from severe weather conditions countywide created by torrential rainfall, major flooding, and severe thunderstorms with high speed winds, hail, and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time, which has been an ongoing event since on or about April 26, 2024, affecting Hardin County by causing flooding and wind damage, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for residential and commercial electrical power and utility outages, thus creating a public safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Judge has determined, based upon forecasts and credible information issued to him by the US National Weather Service, local meteorologists, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management State Operations Center, extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, and are hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE:

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hardin County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, This State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration unless continued or renewed by the Hardin County Commissioners Court.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of a Local Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Hardin County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration of a Local State of Disaster activates the Hardin Emergency Management Plan.
- V. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 16TH day of May, 2024.

Wayne McDaniel, County Judge
Hardin County, Texas