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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARDIN §

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CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session at 9:00AM on March 20, 2020 at the Hardin County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom, located in Kountze, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel (new) coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhun, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China and has since spread throughout the world. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Donald John Trump, declared the COVID-19 global pandemic as a National Emergency. Subsequently, Texas Governor Gregory Abbott declared a State of Disaster to include all 254 Texas Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Hardin County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hardin County, Texas, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS:

- I. That a local state of disaster was declared by the Hardin County Judge on March 16, 2020, 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 **thirty (30)** 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 Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS this <u>20</u>TH day of <u>March</u>, 20<u>20</u>.

Wayne McDaniel, County Judge Hardin County, Texas

ATTEST

Glenda Alston, County Clerk Hardin County, Texas