COUNTY OF POLK §

CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court met in a duly posted Regular Session on May 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the County of Polk, Texas, has experienced severe weather, creating widespread flooding, severe property damage, and dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Livingston Dam experienced a significant surge in discharge, peaking on Thursday afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the Trinity River Authority (TRA) anticipates an additional release on Friday, May 3rd, due to incoming water downstream from the Trinity River, and the discharge is expected to exacerbate flooding in low lying areas along the Trinity River and below the dam; and

WHEREAS, such floods have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such severe weather and flooding could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures are necessary and must be taken to protect and/or rehabilitate property and are hereby ordered.

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

- I. That a local state of disaster was declared by the County Judge of Polk County, Texas on April 29, 2024, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas has determined that the Declaration and state of disaster shall continue for a period of 30 days from this date unless further continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas.
- 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 County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this 2declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county/city Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas on this the 3rd day of May 2024.

Sydney Murphy, County Judge

Polk County, Texas

ATTEST: Schelana Hock

County Clerk