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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

In Polk County, Texas

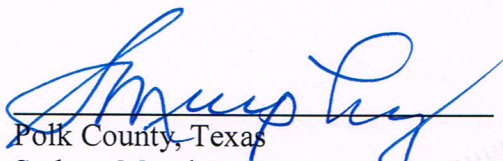
WHEREAS, the County of Polk on the 25th day of August 2020, is facing significant threats to life, health, and property due to the arrival of Hurricane Laura that is forecast to impact the Texas coast as a major hurricane and cause torrential rainfalls, high winds, severe thunderstorms, tornadic activity and flash flooding over an extensive period of time county-wide. Populated areas of Polk County will potentially be affected by flooding, property damage, long-term electrical power and utility outages, and major infrastructure damage, preventing access to or safe passage on many roadways, thus creating a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Polk County, Texas has determined, based on forecasts issued by the National Weather Service that 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 COUNTY JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Polk County, Texas pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Polk County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Polk County Emergency Management Plan.
5. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 25th day of August 2020.



Polk County, Texas
Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

Schelana Hock

ATTEST: Schelana Hock
County Clerk
Polk County, Texas

