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COUNTY OF NEWTON

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DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the County of Newton, on the 13th day of September, 2021, was in imminent threat from Tropical Storm Nicholas, causing widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, described in reports by the United States Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, creating torrential rainfall and severe thunderstorms, affecting Newton County by causing flooding in populated areas as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to or the safe passage on many roadways and damaging homes and businesses. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Newton County, Texas, has determined, based upon reports issued by the National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, which are necessary and hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF NEWTON COUNTY:

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Newton 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, 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 Newton 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 declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county/city Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this 13th day of September, 2021.

Kenneth Weeks, County Judge Newton County, Texas