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STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF NEWTON

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Newton, Texas, on the 14 day of February, 2021, was in imminent threat of the February Winter Weather Event, as described in reports issued by the United States National Weather Service and the Texas State Operations Center, potentially causing injury or loss of life and severe property damage resulting from conditions created by freezing rain, snow and ice accumulation on trees and powerlines over an extended period of time in residential, agricultural and commercial areas, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for countywide electrical power and utility outages. 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, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

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

- 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 Newton County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this 14 day of February, 2021 effective 4:35 P.m.

Kenneth Weeks, County Judge
Newton County, Texas