COUNTY OF NEWTON

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Newton County Commissioners Court met in an Emergency Session on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024.

WHEREAS, the County of Newton, Texas, on the 10th day of April, 2024, was in imminent threat of widespread or severe property damage, injury, or loss of life resulting from countywide conditions created by torrential rainfall, major flooding and severe thunderstorms with high speed winds, hail and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time, affecting Newton County by causing flooding and wind damage, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as widespread residential and commercial electrical power outages. Such conditions created a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, on April 11th, 2024, the County Judge of Newton, Texas, determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and were necessary and ordered.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Newton County, Texas has determined that these conditions continue to exist and that extraordinary measures must be taken to continue to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

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

- That a local state of disaster is hereby extended 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 30 consecutive days 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 Newton County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the 1exas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Newton County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this 16th day of April, 2024.

Ronald J. Cochran Newton County Judge

Attest:

Sandra Duckworth Newton County Clerk

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