ORDER OF CONTINUANCE OF LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2022, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Xavier Becerra, declared a nationwide public health emergency related to the outbreak of the Monkeypox virus; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2022, Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, issued a Local Declaration of Disaster to address the Monkeypox outbreak in Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, the Local Declaration of Disaster issued by Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, also activated the Dallas County Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the August 5, 2022 Local Declaration of Disaster issued by Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, expired by operation of law after seven days pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108(b); and

WHEREAS, Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, issued a subsequent Local Declaration of Disaster to continue to address the ongoing Monkeypox outbreak on August 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain, mitigate, and prevent the spread of Monkeypox outbreak in Dallas County and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS OF DALLAS COUNTY that:

1. A local state of disaster was declared for Dallas County, pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, on August 5, 2022.

2. A subsequent state of disaster was declared for Dallas County pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, on August 12, 2022.

3. This Continuance of Local Declaration of Disaster for Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

4. This Continuance of Local Declaration of Disaster for Public Health Emergency affirms the activation of the Dallas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Local Declaration of Disaster until the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declares Monkeypox no longer to be a public health emergency or unless this order rescinded by the Commissioners Court.
ORDERED this the 16th day of August, 2022

Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judge

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