PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Perry Floyd died in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd’s killing, many people around the country have engaged in peaceful protests and demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, in recent days some of the protests and demonstrations have been infiltrated by civil disturbances in multiple cities resulting in property damage and looting; and

WHEREAS, the criminal activity has occurred under cover of darkness; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, county public safety resources are limited and would be strained if continued civil disorder and rioting occurred; and

WHEREAS, largely peaceful demonstrations in Dallas on May 29 and May 30, 2020, were infiltrated by several incidences of vandalism, looting, and violence; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary policing strategies, such as curfews, are necessary to establishing and maintaining order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code (the “Texas Disaster Act”), the County Judge is designated as the emergency management director of the County of Dallas and may act in accordance with the county’s emergency management plan to address the threat of riot, civil disorder, or a health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act, the county judge may exercise the powers of the governor to address a disaster, at an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation of a state of disaster for all counties in Texas based on his certification that ongoing threats and incidents of violence constitute and pose an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, threats of civil unrest, coupled with the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, presents an imminent threat to public safety property damage, and widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and
WHEREAS, I, Clay Jenkins, the County Judge of the County of Dallas, have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to ensure public safety and prevent widespread illness in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF DALLAS COUNTY:

1. Declaration of Local State of Disaster. A local state of disaster due to the civil unrest and disturbance is hereby declared by the County Judge of the County of Dallas, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act.

2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act, the local state of disaster in this proclamation shall continue until revoked, but in no event will it exceed a period longer than seven (7) days from the date hereof, unless continued or renewed by the consent of the Dallas County Commissioners.

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a state of local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk.

4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of local state of disaster activates the Dallas County Emergency Management Plan.

5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the County Judge of Dallas County.

ORDERED this _____ day of June, 2020, in Dallas County, Texas, in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.

Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judge

Filed with the County Clerk of Dallas County this _____ day of June, 2020, by Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins whose signature I hereby certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of the foregoing Proclamation being effected the same date as the signing thereof.