COUNTY OF ORANGE

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ORDER RATIFYING AND EXTENDING DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on Monday, August 24, 2020, the duly elected County Judge of Orange County, Texas issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Orange County, Texas, in response to the anticipated loss of life and damage to property threatened by the weather events then known as Tropical Storm Marco and Tropical Storm Laura; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code provides that such a declaration may only be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven days with the consent of the governing body of the County; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura made landfall as a Category 4 on August 27, 2020, causing significant property damage throughout the County and leaving thousands of Orange County residences and business still without electrical power, creating a public safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court, as the governing body of Orange County, has determined that the conditions necessitating the declaration of a local state of disaster continue to exist, and that it is reasonable and necessary to ratify and extend the declaration pursuant to Texas Government Code section 418.018(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Orange County:

- 1. That the local state of disaster declared by the County Judge for Orange County, Texas, on August 24, 2020, is hereby ratified and extended, effective immediately, and shall continue through September 30, 2020, unless earlier terminated by this Court.
- 2. This order is passed as an emergency measure pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of August, 2020.

John H. Gothia, Oranga County Judge

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Robert L. Viator, Commissioner Pct. 4

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Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner Pct. 3

Attest: Orange County Clerk or deputy clerk