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ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, Texas, on the 13th day of September, 2021, is facing an imminent threat of being in the path of a weather event currently designated by the United States National Weather Service as **TROPICAL STORM NICHOLAS**, potentially causing widespread injury or loss of life and severe property damage resulting from conditions created by torrential rainfall, major flooding, tropical storm force winds, and potential hurricane conditions 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 long term countywide electrical power and utility outages. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Orange County, Texas, has determined, based upon trajectory 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 such measures are necessary and hereby ordered.

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

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Orange County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. 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 Orange County, Texas.
3. 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.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Orange County Emergency Management Plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED on this the 13th day of September, 2021.

John H. Gothia, County Judge

Orange County, Texas