JOHN H. GOTHIA
ORANGE COUNTY JUDGE

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, Texas, on the 21st day of May, 2021, was in imminent threat of the occurrence of widespread and/or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from severe weather conditions countywide created by torrential rainfalls, severe thunderstorms, tornadic activity and flash flooding over an extensive period of time due to an impending tropical system expected to make landfall along the upper Texas coast within the next 12 hours. Populated areas of Orange County will potentially be affected by flooding, property damage, long term electrical power and utility outages, and major infrastructure damage, preventing access to or safe passage on many roadways, thus creating a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the Orange County Judge has determined, based upon forecasts issued by the National Weather Service and local news media outlets, extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, and are hereby ordered.

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

I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Orange 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, this State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Orange 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 County Clerk.

IV. 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.

V. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF May, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

John H. Gothia, County Judge
Orange County, Texas