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COUNTY CLERK, POTTER CO.
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DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF POTTER §

WHEREAS, from May 18, 2023, at the latest, and continuing through the date of this Declaration, portions of northwestern and northern Potter County, Texas, specifically including, but not limited to, the Valle De Oro community and its surrounding area, have suffered, and continue to suffer, widespread and severe damage, loss of property, and the imminent threat of damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing flooding in Potter County, Texas, has resulted in severe damage to residential property, as well as to public and private infrastructure, and has rendered a number of residences and properties inaccessible by roads or motor vehicles, including motor vehicles utilized by first responders; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Potter County, Texas has determined that emergency measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people residing or located in the affected area, and to protect, recover, and rehabilitate the affected area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Judge of Potter County, Texas hereby DECLARES a local state of disaster for northern and northwestern Potter County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. The affected area in which the local state of disaster exists specifically includes, but is not limited to, the Valle de Oro community and its surrounding area, as well as all areas of the Canadian River basin located in Potter County up to the point at which the Canadian River flows into Lake Meredith.

As provided by section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the local 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 Potter County Commissioners Court.

IT IS ORDERED, in compliance with section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, that this Declaration of Local State of Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Potter County, Texas.

IT IS ORDERED, as provided by section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, that the appropriate response, recovery, and rehabilitation aspects of the Potter County

Emergency Management Plan are immediately activated, including authorization for the furnishing of aid and assistance to the affected area and all people located in the affected area.

Further orders, as necessary or appropriate, may be issued by the County Judge of Potter County, Texas, in accordance with section 418.108(f), (g), and (i) of the Texas Government Code during the period for which this Declaration, or any continuation or renewal of this Declaration, is effective.

IT IS ORDERED that this Declaration of Local State of Disaster shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO ORDERED this 31 day of MAY, 2023, at 1:43 o'clock p.m.



HONORABLE NANCY TANNER
POTTER COUNTY JUDGE