



STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §

**PROCLAMATION
PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING**

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Sydney Hocke
POLK COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020 Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy signed a Declaration of a Disaster for the County of Polk, Texas, in the storm impacted areas of Onalaska and Seven Oaks, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Judge does hereby find that circumstances present in the storm impacted areas of Polk County, Texas create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by certain outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 authorized declaration of a state of disaster "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity at which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

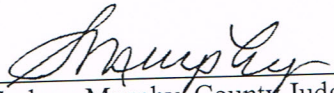
BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, that I, Sydney Murphy, County Judge of Polk County, do hereby declare a state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Polk County, Texas, in the storm impacted areas of Onalaska and Seven Oaks; and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without authorization by the Polk County Commissioners Court; and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfires during the current disaster period.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 25th day of April, 2020.



Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

