

STATE OF TEXAS §

2020-041

COUNTY OF POLK §



**CONTINUATION OF LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners' Court met in a duly posted Regular Session on April 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the County level; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Polk County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, County Judge Sydney Murphy ordered a Local Disaster Declaration on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Polk County Commissioners' Court met in an Emergency Session and deemed it necessary to extend the Local Disaster Declaration for an additional 30 days; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Sydney Murphy, County Judge of Polk County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 418.108(d) and 418.108(g), issued an Executive Order – Order to Stay at Home to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Polk County, Texas; and

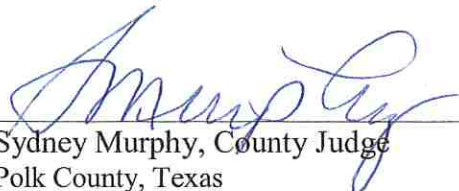
WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, President Donald Trump extended the nationwide social distancing guidelines for an additional 30 days; and


WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the entire state of Texas and renews and amends his previous Executive Order issued on March 19, 2020 enforcing federal social distancing guidelines for COVID-19 through April 30, 2020; and

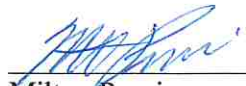
WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Sydney Murphy, County Judge of Polk County, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 418.108(d) and 418.108(g), renewed and amended the Executive Order – Order to Stay at Home through April 30, 2020 to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Polk County, Texas;

Now Therefore, on April 14, 2020, the Polk County Commissioners' Court met in and Regular Session and deemed it necessary to extend the Local Disaster Declaration for an additional 30 days to May 22, 2020.


Dated this the 14th day of April, 2020.

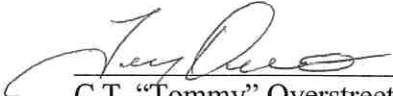

Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

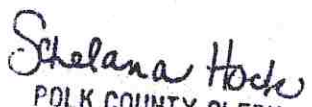

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