## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, the County of Shelby, Texas, has suffered from severe storms and widespread flooding that was occurred prior to and on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024. The severe weather conditions have caused extensive damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the residents of Shelby County and Cities within the disaster area.

WHEREAS, because of the severe weather for the past four (4) days that Shelby County is in imminent threat of additional widespread storms or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from countywide severe weather conditions. Flooding in populated areas has caused major damage to roads and bridges preventing access to or the safe passage on many roadways. Such conditions have created a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Shelby County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as protect or rehabilitate property, are necessary and hereby ordered.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SHELBY COUNTY:

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Shelby 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, 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 Shelby 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 county/city Emergency Management Plan.

**ORDERED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

Allison Harbison, County Judge Shelby County, Texas