DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Hopkins, beginning February 11, 2021, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or threat of loss of life or property resulting from:

   Extreme winter weather resulting in heavy snow, prolonged freezing temperatures, utility outages, deterioration of roads, excessive flooding; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Hopkins County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the hardship of people and to protect, including but not limited to the rehabilitation of property (private and governmental), of the impact on non-profit/private businesses, agriculture, rural/urban water utilities, school districts, emergency services, roads/streets/highways/bridges; and

WHEREAS, Hopkins County is requesting public assistance in meeting the needs of the above-mentioned damages as a result of the winter weather event; and

WHEREAS, Hopkins County has had to provide shelter for some of its citizens at the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center due to extreme temperatures and lack of available infrastructure; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF HOPKINS:

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hopkins County, Texas.

Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster shall continue immediately and indefinitely by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hopkins as shown below;

Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Hopkins County Clerk.

Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hopkins County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this the 22nd day of February, 2021, effectively immediately.

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST: Tracy Smith, County Clerk