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TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF TOWN SECRETARY'S OFFICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS
TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK

I, the undersigned, Gayle Kirby, Town Secretary of the Town of Highland Park, Texas, a municipal corporation, in the performance of the functions of my office, hereby certify that the attached two (2) pages are a true copy of the Town of Highland Park Declaration of Local Disaster, as the same appears of record in the Town Secretary's office, and that I am the lawful possessor and have legal custody of said record.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at my office in Highland Park, Texas,
this the 3rd day of June, 2020.



Gayle Kirby
Town Secretary

TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Perry Floyd died while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, what happened to Mr. Floyd in Minnesota is inexcusable, it is criminal, and it violates the very values we work to cultivate each day in the Town of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd's killing many people around the country have engaged in peaceful protests and demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, in recent days some of the protests and demonstrations have escalated into civil disturbances and riots in multiple cities resulting in, property damage and looting; and

WHEREAS, the rioting and criminal activity has occurred under cover of darkness; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Town public safety resources are limited and would be strained if continued civil disorder and rioting occurred; and

WHEREAS, largely peaceful demonstrations in in the D/FW area this week have devolved after dark into several incidences of vandalism, looting, and violence; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary policing strategies, such as curfews and partnerships with external law enforcement agencies, are necessary to establishing and maintaining order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code (the Texas Disaster Act), and in accordance with Article 1.09 of the Town of Highland Park Code of Ordinances, the Mayor is designated as the Emergency Management Director of the Town of Highland Park and may act in accordance with the Town's emergency management plan to address the threat of riot, civil disorder, or a health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act, the Mayor may exercise the powers of the Governor to address a disaster, at an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.09.002(3) of the Code of Ordinance, the Mayor may declare a state of local disaster; and

WHEREAS, threats of riot and civil unrest, coupled with the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of violence, property damage, and widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, I, Margo Goodwin, Mayor of the Town of Highland Park have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to prevent riots, civil disorder, and widespread illness in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK HOME-RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE 1.09 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND CHAPTER 418 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE GOVERNING BODY BE IT PROCLAIMED:

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Disaster. A local state of disaster is due to riots and civil disorder is hereby declared by the Mayor of the Town of Highland Park, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act and Section 1.09.003(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Duration of Local State of Disaster. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act, the local state of disaster due to this man made emergency issued in this proclamation shall continue until revoked, but in no event will it exceed a period longer than seven (7) days from the date hereof, unless continued or renewed by the consent of the Town Council of the Town of Highland Park.

Section 3. Publicity and Filing. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a state of local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary.

Section 4. Activation of the City Emergency Management Plan. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of local state of disaster due to this man-made cause activates the Town of Highland Park's Emergency Management Plan.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

DECLARED this 3rd day of June, 2020.



Margo Goodwin
Mayor