



**Polk County, Texas**  
**DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Polk County has experienced severe weather, creating widespread and severe property damage and dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather conditions pose the threat of continued prolonged flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Livingston Dam has significantly increased discharge from the dam overnight and the discharge is expected to continue to increase which could exacerbate flooding in low lying areas along the Trinity River and below the dam; and

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

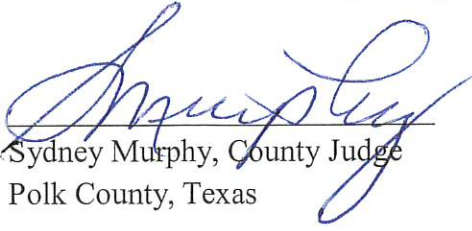
WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent”; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such severe weather and flooding could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Polk County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §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 Polk County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(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 Polk County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Polk County Emergency Management Plan.
5. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April , 2024..



Sydney Murphy, County Judge  
Polk County, Texas



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ATTEST: Schelana Hock  
County Clerk  
Polk County, Texas