CONTINUATION OF LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER 
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners’ Court met in a duly posted Special Session on March 20, 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;

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 Special Session and deemed it necessary to extend the Local Disaster Declaration for an additional 30 days.

Dated this the 20th day of March, 2020.

Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

Robert C. “Bob” Willis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Milton Purvis
Commissioner, Precinct 3

ATTEST: Schelana Hock
County Clerk

Ronnie Vincent
Commissioner, Precinct 2

C.T. “Tommy” Overstreet
Commissioner, Precinct 4