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COUNTY OF JASPER

### ORDER OF MANDATORY EVACUATION

**WHEREAS**, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the \_\_24<sup>th</sup>\_\_ day of August, 2023, had a major wildfire, potentially causing widespread injury or loss of life and severe property damage resulting from conditions created by extreme drought conditions and a rapidly expanding wildfire perimeter in residential, agricultural and commercial areas, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for long term electrical power and utility outages. Such conditions have created an imminent public safety hazard.

**WHEREAS**, the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, has determined, based upon containment reports issued by the Texas Forest Service, local Emergency Management personnel and Volunteer Fire Department personnel on scene, that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

**WHEREAS**, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023, the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, issued a local state of disaster for Jasper County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, and this local state of disaster was renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas and is still in effect.

**WHEREAS**, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, the Texas Forest Service, local Emergency Management personnel and responding Volunteer Fire Department personnel provided official reports that the area within Jasper County from the Neches River on Recreational Road 255 to Texas Highway 63 in the Ebenezer Community was in an immediate threat of a major wildfire, posing an imminent threat of injury or loss of life.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT A MANDATORY EVACUATION OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS, IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE NECHES RIVER AND TEXAS HIGHWAY 63 ON RECREATIONAL ROAD 255 AND ALL COUNTY ROADS NORTH AND SOUTH OFF OF RECREATIONAL ROAD 255 IN THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE EBENZER COMMUNITY IS IN EFFECT AS OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2023, AT 12:30 P.M. CST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**ORDERED** this \_\_24<sup>th</sup>\_\_ day of August, 2023.

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Mark W. Allen, County Judge  
Jasper County, Texas

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