DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the ____8th____ day of March, 2016, was in imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from countywide conditions created by torrential rainfall and severe thunderstorms with high speed winds and tornadic activity over an excessive period of time, affecting Jasper County by causing flooding in populated areas and along the corridors of the Angelina and Neches Rivers and their tributaries; flooding along the corridor of the Sabine River in Newton County, causing flooding along its tributaries within Jasper County; as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways. Such conditions have created a public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and are necessary and hereby ordered.

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

- That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Jasper County, Texas, pursuant I. to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of II. 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 Jasper County, Texas.
- Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of III. a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of IV. a local state of disaster activates the Jasper County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this _	8 th	day of March, 2016.
DEBBIE NEW	MAN, CO	UNTY CLERK

JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

Mark W. Allen, County Judge Jasper County, Texas