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DALLAS, TEXAS

OFFICE OF DALLAS MAYOR ERIC JOHNSON

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Perry Floyd died while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department; 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, city public safety resources are limited and would be strained if continued civil disorder and rioting occurred; and

WHEREAS, largely peaceful demonstrations in Dallas on May 29 and May 30, 2020, devolved 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), the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Dallas and may act in accordance with the city's emergency management plan to address the threat of riot, civil disorder, or a health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas City Code defines a disaster as the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or man-made cause; and

WHEREAS, a man-made cause under the Dallas City Code includes riots, civil unrest, and 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 Chapter 14B of the Dallas City Code, the mayor shall declare a state of local disaster if he determines a state of local disaster exists due to threats of riot, civil unrest, or a health emergency; 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, Eric Johnson, the Mayor of the City of Dallas 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 Dallas City Charter, as the presiding officer of the governing body, the City Council of the City of Dallas, a home-rule city, municipal corporation, body politic and political subdivision of the State of Texas situated in Dallas County, Texas, and pursuant to Section 14B-6 of the Dallas City Code, and pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Disaster. A local state of disaster due to riots and civil disorder is hereby declared by the Mayor of the City of Dallas, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act and Section 14B-6 of the Dallas City Code.

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 City Council of the City of Dallas.

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 City 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 City of Dallas Emergency Management Plan.


Section 5. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Dallas.

ORDERED this 31st day of May, 2020 in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.



Mayor Eric Johnson
City of Dallas

Filed with me, Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary of the City of Dallas this 31st day of May 2020, by Mayor Eric Johnson whose signature I hereby certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of the foregoing Proclamation being effected the same date as the signing thereof.



Bilierae Johnson
City Secretary
City of Dallas