## DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF HOLTVILLE IN RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES CREATED BY THE EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS OF AUGUST 25, 2025, AND THE DANGER POSED TO LOCAL CITIZENS CREATED

WHEREAS, an "emergency" as defined in Chapter 2.16 of the Holtville Municipal Code includes "the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this city caused by such conditions as... flood [and/or] storm...requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;" and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2025, an extreme weather event unexpectedly brought heavy rain, flooding, and extreme winds to Imperial County, knocking down trees and power lines, cutting power to most of the City of Holtville and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, response to health and safety issues has necessitated deployment of significant resources, including opening the Emergency Operations Center in City Hall, employing the emergency generator to provide power to the facility, increased staffing of Holtville Fire and Public Works Departments, to protect health and safety and preserve the lives and property of the people of the City of Holtville; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2025, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Imperial declared an emergency based upon the threat of extreme weather within Imperial County; and

WHEREAS, the actual existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Holtville, caused by extreme weather, on August 26, 2025, Mayor Mike Goodsell, Emergency Operations Chief Alex Silva, and City Manager Nicholas Wells declared a local emergency due to the imminent and proximate threat to public health from the dangerous weather caused by this storm event; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists in the City of Holtville on this 26th day of August, 2025; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Department of Emergency Services for the City of Holtville shall be those prescribed by state law and ordinances and resolutions of the City of Holtville and by the City of Holtville Emergency Plan, as approved by the City Council.

Mike Goodsell, Mayor

Alex Silva, Emergency Operations Chief

Nicholas D. Wells, City Manager