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JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, Jeff R. Branick, the County of Jefferson on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 has determined that there is an imminent threat of suffering widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the explosion at the TPC facility in Port Neches, TX; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jefferson County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken and continued to alleviate the suffering of people impacted and to protect or rehabilitate property and that it is necessary to enter this Declaration of Disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the County of Jefferson pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code and a separate Mandatory Evacuation Order has been entered for a portion of Jefferson County;
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of 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 Jefferson County;
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk;
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency Management Plan;
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at 3:28 o'clock p.m.

  
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Jeff R. Branick, County Judge  
Jefferson County, Texas