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September 2, 2017

JEFFERSON COUNTY ORDER RESTRICTING PRIVATE BOATING

I, Jeff R Branick, County Judge, pursuant to the Disaster Declaration of August 24, 2017 and the extension granted August 28, 2017 and the authority granted me in Sections 418 012, 418 015 and 418 108 (f) and (g), Local Government Code, do hereby enter this mandatory order for all persons within areas of Jefferson County, Texas and specifically upon and along the Neches River This Order is to be effective September 2, 2017 at 3 pm. Any violation of this Order shall be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor. This Order shall remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to this ORDER it will be unlawful for any person not directly operating as part of an official governmentally sanctioned emergency operation to operate any boat or other floating device upon the waters of the Neches River between the Lower Neches Valley Authority salt water barrier and the Interstate Highway-10 Purple Heart Bridge crossing until this Order is terminated except as allowed by exemptions herein

Persons who are exempted

- (1) Persons involved in an "EMERGENCY" which means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that call for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, natural disaster, and automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life,
- (2) Persons authorized by the Emergency Management Director to assist in the protection of the health, safety or welfare of the public,
- (3) Those employees of oil terminals, pipelines and oil supply facilities that are essential for and are actively involved in the transportation and receiving of oil and supplies to Jefferson County refining and petrochemical facilities and such other employees that are necessary for said operations. This exemption applies only during

times such employees are actively engaged in their work and in traveling to and from work without any detour or stop

Penalties

A person who violates this Order is subject to immediate arrest. A person who violates this Order is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which a violation is committed or continued. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

September \mathcal{L} , 2017

eff R. Branick County Judge

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Carolyn L Guidry, County Clerk

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