CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WALKER

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The undersigned officer of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 convened in a regular meeting on the 11th day of September, 2020, at the Crabbs Prairie Volunteer Fire Department, FM 1696, Huntsville, Texas 77320, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Robert McCaffety
Huey Campbell
Billy Don Avritt
Mike Bilberry
Floyd Garner

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that such Order be adopted; and after full discussion, such motion, carrying with it the adoption of such Order prevailed, carried, and became effective by the following vote:

AYES: <u>5</u> **NOES:** <u>6</u>

2. A true, full and correct copy of the Order adopted at the meeting described in the above paragraph is attached to this certificate; the Order has been duly recorded in the District's minutes of the meeting; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting and that the Order would be introduced and considered for adoption at the meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of the meeting for such purpose; the meeting was open to the public as required by law; and public notice of the time, place and subject of the meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

President, Board of Commissioners



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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WALKER WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3

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WHEREAS, Walker County Emergency Services District No. 3 (the "District") is a governmental agency and body politic and corporate of the State of Texas created pursuant to Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code to accomplish the purposes provided by Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution (the "Article") created on December 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Article states that the District has all the rights, powers, privileges, District, functions and duties necessary convenient to accomplish the purposes of Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution allows for the levy of an ad valorem tax on property in the District not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10) per \$100 valuation for the support of the District, which has been approved by a vote of the qualified voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code, Sections 26.04 - 26.065, as amended, provide that, in-part, before the Board adopts an ad valorem tax rate for debt service, operation and maintenance purposes, or contract purposes, the Board shall give proper notice regarding such tax rate and, if applicable, conduct a public hearing in advance of setting such tax rate; and

WHEREAS, if the Board adopts a total tax rate that would impose more than 1.035 times the amount of tax imposed by the District in the preceding year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence homestead in the District in that year, disregarding any homestead exemption available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older, the District shall be required to hold an election to determine whether or not to reduce the tax rate adopted for the current year to the rollback tax rate in accordance with the procedures provided by Texas Tax Code, Sections 26.07 and 26.081 and subject to the allowance for a petition for a rollback election for setting a tax rate within the de minimis tax rate limitation under Texas Tax Code, Section 26.075; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 tax rate is the District's initial tax rate and therefore, there is no new revenue, voter approval or de minimis tax rates calculations; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Collector for the District has received the certified tax roll from the Walker County Appraisal District assessing the 2020 valuation of District property and presented such information to the Board for its consideration in setting the 2020 tax rate, including the 2020 tax rate calculations prepared by the Walker County Appraisal District which includes the debt service and maintenance and operations components thereof, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the tax levy is necessary for operations and maintenance purposes of the District and is permitted by the Texas Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3, THAT:

- Section 1. The Board hereby finds that prior to adopting the ad valorem tax rate for 2020, the District has provided proper notice of the proposed tax rate and that no public hearings are required as the District is a Small Taxing Unit, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 26.062 and that it may set the District's tax rate and has otherwise satisfied the requirements of Texas Tax Code, Section 26.06, as amended.
- Section 2. The Board hereby levies and causes to be assessed upon all property (real, personal or mixed) subject to taxation within the District a total ad valorem tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed value for the year 2020.
- Section 3. The total ad valorem tax rate is only comprised of \$0.10 per \$100 assessed valuation for operations and maintenance purposes.
- Section 4. Walker County Appraisal District, the District's Tax Assessor and Collector shall take all steps necessary and authorized by law to collect taxes as owed pursuant to this Order. Said ad valorem taxes shall be levied, assessed and collected at the rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation as provided for in Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code, and all other applicable laws.
- Section 5. Pursuant to law, all taxes shall be due and payable on or before the 31st day of January, 2021.
- <u>Section 6</u>. The President or Vice President is authorized to do all things necessary for execution of this Order; and the President or Vice President is further authorized to execute, and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to attest, this Order on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

(EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS)

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT this 11th day of September, 2020.

President, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Secretary Board of Commissioners

(DISTRICT SEAL)

