ORDER CALLING ELECTION TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM AD VALOREM TAX RATE WITHIN THE DISTRICT

STATE OF TEXAS SCOUNTY OF HAYS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 775.0745 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, Hays County Emergency Services District No. 9 ("District") wishes to order an election to submit a proposition authorizing an increase in the District's maximum ad valorem tax rate from six cents (\$0.06) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation to ten cents (\$0.10) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to proceed with the ordering of an election for May 4, 2024, the next available uniform election date, and appointing election officials required for the conduct of the election, and has deemed it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, the meeting to adopt this Order was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Government Code, as amended; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAYS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9 THAT:

Section 1: The matters and facts set out in the recitals of this Order are hereby found and declared to be true and complete.

Section 2: An election shall be held by the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2024, at the Hays County precinct polling place locations within the boundaries of the District at which there shall be submitted the proposition authorizing an increase in the maximum ad valorem tax rate for all areas within the District to ten cents (\$0.10) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation.

Section 3: Voting in the election must be by the use of electronic ballots, or other methods as approved by law, and must be available in both English and Spanish and conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. Oral bilingual assistance must be available during the election and may be obtained by contacting the presiding judge or the alternate presiding judge at the polling location.

Section 4: At the election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with the law:

PROPOSITION A: Authorizing an increase in the maximum ad valorem tax rate that Hays County Emergency Services District No. 9 may impose on property within the District to a rate not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation.

Each voter may vote for or against the proposition by placing an "X" in the square beside the word "FOR" or in the square beside the word "AGAINST".

Section 5: The election precinct(s) for the District exist as established by Hays County. The polling place for each such election precinct shall be the polling places established by Hays County for such election precincts in Hays County. Early voting dates, times, locations, as well as election day polling locations are as determined by Hays County.

The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks for the election selected and appointed by Hays County in compliance with the requirements of state law are hereby designated and appointed election officers for the holding of this election. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their respective positions that are provided by state law. Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on April 22, 2024, and shall continue through April 30, 2024. The Clerk for Early Voting is Jennifer Doinoff, and early voting will be conducted at polling locations established by Hays County for early voting.

The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is: Early Voting Clerk, Hays County Elections, 712 South Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, Texas 78666-5999. The early voting clerk's email address is elections@co.hays.tx.us.

Section 6: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made of this election in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapter 775 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

<u>Section 7:</u> All qualified residents of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

Section 8: The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of this election to be published in both Spanish and English in a newspaper of general circulation in Hays County, Texas pursuant to §4.003 of the Election Code.

[signature page to follow]

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of January 2024.

HAYS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

DISTRICT NO. 9

Chris Baker, President **Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST:

Raschell Jarden, Secretary Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HAYS §

The undersigned officer of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Hays County Emergency Services District No. 9 hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Board of Hays County Emergency Services District No. 9 ("District") convened in a regular meeting on the 10th day of January 2024, at SMHCEMS, 2061 Clovis Barker #10b, San Marcos, Texas 78666, and the following officers and members of the Board:

Chris Baker - President
Diane Hervol - Vice President
Raschell Jarden - Secretary
Carla Sisk - Treasurer
Vacant - Commissioner

were present, except Commissioner(s) <u>Raschell Jarden</u>, thus constituting a quorum. Among other business, an:

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was introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Order be adopted, and, after discussion, the motion prevailed and carried by majority vote.

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 paragraph above are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated in paragraph 1. Each of the officers and members of the Board was notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the Board meeting, and that the Order would be introduced and considered for adoption at the meeting. Each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to holding 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 of the Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED the 15 day of January 2024.

Raschell Jarden, Secretary Board of Commissioners

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HAYS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the ____ day of January 2024, by Raschell Jarden, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Hays County Emergency Services District No. 9, on behalf of the District.

(seal)

ANNA LEAH MENARD Notary ID #132961865 My Commission Expires March 9, 2025

Notary Public Signature