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**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Laura has developed into a dangerous weather event affecting Texas and other surrounding states and jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2020, August 25, 2020, and August 26, 2020, due to the aforementioned weather-related event Greg Abbot, the Texas Governor, has issued disaster proclamations certifying that Hurricane Laura posed a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds for 62 counties in Texas, including Dallas County; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Abbott's proclamation: (1) authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and (2) upon the written approval of the Office of the Governor, authorized the suspension of the procedures for conduct of state business or any order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the Hurricane Laura disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2020, the Texas Division of Emergency Management issued State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) 00-141377, activating the Dallas area shelter hub; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the STAR issued by the Texas Division of Emergency Management as authorized through Texas Government Code Chapter 418, the State of Texas will reimburse the City of Dallas for 100 percent of eligible costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas finds that an emergency or extraordinary need exists and the city must assist the evacuees to seek shelter, food, and other necessities on a temporary basis and to do so, must empower the City Manager to enter into contracts necessary to secure the goods, services, and supplies essential to provide Hurricane Laura evacuees with comfort and shelter until such need no longer exists.

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute agreements for goods and services resulting from emergency procurements necessary to respond to Hurricane Laura, including, but not limited to, displacement of individuals, when approved as to form by the City Attorney, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, with payment to vendors based only on the amount of the services directed to be performed by the City and properly performed by vendors under the contracts. As stated in Texas Government Code Chapter 418 Section 118, "the state shall reimburse the actual costs of providing assistance, including costs for personnel, operation and maintenance of equipment, damaged equipment, food, lodging, and transportation, incurred by the responding local government entity."

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**SECTION 2.** That funds not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000.00 are hereby appropriated to the Hurricane Laura Emergency Operations Fund, Fund S361, Unit 700C to be reimbursed, in accordance with Sections 418.020 and 418.118 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 3.** That an additional amount of \$500,000.00 is hereby authorized if, upon recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor determines the expense is necessary and reimbursable from the state.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.