# VILLAGE OF STICKNEY



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### Disaster Declaration in the Village of Stickney, Illinois

On July 2, 2023, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") experienced severe storms and flooding, which caused damage to many homes and businesses within the Village. On July 11, 2023, Mayor Jeff Walik declared that a disaster had occurred within the Village as a result of the storms. Cook County and the State of Illinois similarly declared that the storms on July 2, 2023 constituted a disaster. The Village is currently collecting forms from residents affected by the storms to assist the Village in assessing the collective damage to the Village. The Village will collaborate with Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security ("EMRS"), the State of Illinois, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") as appropriate to assist residents in recovering from this disaster. The Village is committed to serving its residents and businesses as we move forward in this process.

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#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule unit of local government as is provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and as a home rule unit of local government the Village may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village are committed to protecting the health and safety of individuals working in, visiting and residing in the Village; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2023, there were severe storms (the "Storms") that caused flooding and extensive damage to public and private property, streets and utility systems within the Village; and

WHEREAS, to mitigate the aftermath of the Storms, the Village and its residents were forced to incur and expend unforeseen costs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/11) (the "Act"), a local disaster may be declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act to preserve the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public and to protect private and public property, I hereby declare that a disaster occurred in the Village on July 2, 2023, and the effects of the Storms are expected to be felt for an unforeseeable number of days into the future; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation shall authorize the Village to request, apply for and accept aid that may be available to assist the Village and its residents with the costs incurred as a result of the Storms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, I, Mayor Jeff Walik, do hereby proclaim that a disaster, as defined in the Act, occurred in the Village on July 2, 2023 as a result of the Storms, and the effects of the Storms are expected to be felt for an unforeseeable number of days into the future.

Jeff Walik Mayor of the Village of Stickney, Illinois