



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JASPER

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CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF JASPER, BE IT KNOWN:

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel (new) coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness or death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into and throughout the United States and now recommends against gatherings of 10 people or more; and

WHEREAS, approximately 362,019 cases of COVID-19 have been reported globally, with approximately 41,047 COVID-19 cases in the United States and approximately 675 cases in the State of Texas, resulting in at least 15,495 global deaths and 473 deaths of American citizens thus far; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation declaring a state of disaster in all 254 counties within the State of Texas, due to the imminent threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, United States President Donald J. Trump declared a National State of Emergency for all states and jurisdictions within the United States of America, due to the imminent threat posed by COVID-19, and on March 16, 2020, the President recommended that citizens refrain from gathering in groups of 10 people or more; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another, and as far as 6 feet apart, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and that mortality rates for citizens aged 65 and older are estimated to be 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Texas Commissioner of Public Health, John W. Hellerstedt, M.D., issued Declaration of Public Health Disaster in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas Greg Abbott, issued an Executive Order, containing orders instructing the public to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, as well closing temporarily closing schools to protect the public health from the spread of COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risks, and promote the health, safety and property of all residents throughout Jasper County; and

WHEREAS, Jasper County will work collaboratively with all municipalities, school districts and other local, State and Federal entities as necessary to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and contagion of COVID-19 throughout Jasper County, the Southeast Texas Region and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a public safety hazard continues to exist and extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the life, health, safety and property of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life and property, and are therefore necessary and hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS:

- I. That a local state of disaster was declared by County Judge Mark Allen of Jasper County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, on March 17, 2020.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than 60 days from the date of this declaration of disaster continuation, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Jasper County, Texas.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Jasper County Emergency Management Plan, authorizing Jasper County to adopt rules to protect the health and property of persons throughout Jasper County, as well as to provide for the establishment of, but not limited to, quarantine stations, test collection stations, emergency hospitals, and other medical treatment or medical laboratory testing centers pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, section 122.006.

ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS,
this 23rd day of March, 2020.



Mark W. Allen, County Judge
Jasper County, Texas

Attest:



Debbie Newman, County Clerk
Jasper County, Texas

DEBBIE NEWMAN, COUNTY CLERK
JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

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