## DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19 was detected in mainland China, and the contagious respiratory virus has since spread globally; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for the State of Texas on the 13th day of March, 2020, to protect the health and welfare of Texans in relation to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, additional extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Lubbock County, Texas; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LUBBOCK COUNTY:

- 1. Pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;
- 2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of LUBBOCK COUNTY;
- 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with Kelly Pinion, as the County Clerk of **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;
- 4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency activates the Lubbock County Emergency Management Plan, in addition to implementation of the Lubbock County Continuity of Operations Plan, and
- 5. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

## SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

CURTIS PARRISH,

LUBBOCK COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

KELLY PINION,

LUBBOCK COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

CLINTON THETFORD,

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. NEAL BURT,

ASSISTANT CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

AND CIVIL DIVISION CHIEF