

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

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**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout **LUBBOCK COUNTY** and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Curtis Parrish as County Judge of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** declared a state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout **LUBBOCK COUNTY**; and

**WHEREAS**, the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by United States President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people, using drive-thru, pick-up or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order by the Governor of the State of Texas relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation, as promulgated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 19, 2020, issued certain mandates necessary to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** has determined that additional extraordinary measures must be taken to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout **LUBBOCK COUNTY**; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT 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, ratified and renewed 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 until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, 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