

**DECLARATION AND RATIFICATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19
FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS
(3-31-2020)**

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, on March 20, 2020, said state of disaster for a public health emergency was continued and renewed with the consent of the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** pursuant to § 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; 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), continue to call upon Americans to take extraordinary but necessary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. GA-14, which is the most recent executive order promulgated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, relates to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and includes certain mandates necessary to more effectively contain the continuing 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 continued 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 30, 2020, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;