

**DECLARATION AND RATIFICATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19
FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS
(8-24-2020)**

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** first 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, said state of disaster for a public health emergency has been continued and renewed on repeated occasions since then 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, a series of Executive Orders promulgated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott relate to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and include certain mandates necessary to more effectively contain the continuing spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of Texas; 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**;

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 commence at 12.00 a.m. on August 29, 2020 (immediately upon expiration of the current declaration of a state of disaster for

public health emergency which presently remains in effect, and which was previously ordered by this Commissioners Court on July 27, 2020), and shall continue until 11:59 p.m. on September 27, 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 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.

When this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency takes effect at 12:00 a.m. on August 29, 2020, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency, at that time, supersedes all previous declarations issued by **LUBBOCK COUNTY** on this matter, and shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on September 27, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded under applicable laws.

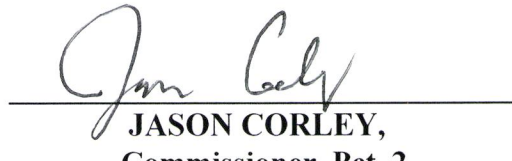
SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.



CURTIS PARRISH,
Lubbock County Judge



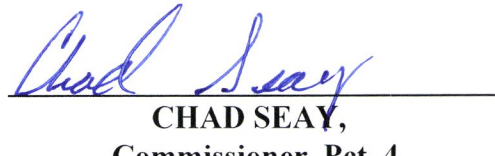
BILL MCCAY,
Commissioner, Pct. 1



JASON CORLEY,
Commissioner, Pct. 2



GILBERT A. FLORES,
Commissioner, Pct. 3



CHAD SEAY,
Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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**KELLY PINION,
Lubbock County Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Neal Burt", written over a horizontal line.

**R. NEAL BURT,
Assistant Criminal District Attorney
and Civil Division Chief**