

**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

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.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LUBBOCK COUNTY:

6. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President of the United States and the CDC and the Executive Order by the Governor of the State of Texas, every person in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people;
7. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President of the United States and the CDC and the Executive Order by the Governor of the State of Texas, people in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this declaration;
8. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President of the United States and the CDC and the Executive Order by the Governor of the State of Texas, people in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance;
9. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President of the United States and the CDC and the Executive Order by the Governor of the State of Texas, schools in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall temporarily close.

This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency will expire.

This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency supersedes all previous declarations issued by **LUBBOCK COUNTY** on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms. And again, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall remain in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended rescinded or superseded under applicable laws.

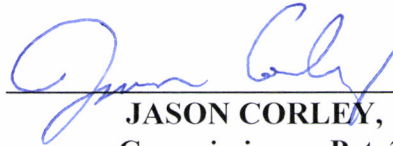
SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



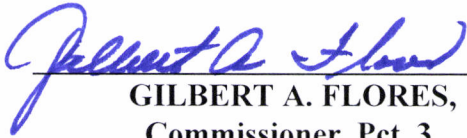
**CURTIS PARRISH,
Lubbock County Judge**



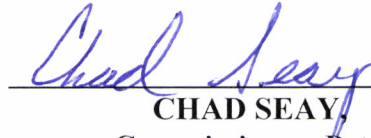
**BILL MCCAY,
Commissioner, Pct. 1**



**JASON CORLEY,
Commissioner, Pct. 2**

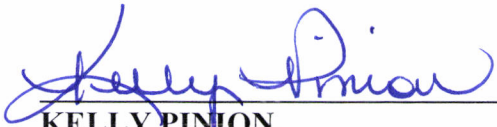


**GILBERT A. FLORES,
Commissioner, Pct. 3**



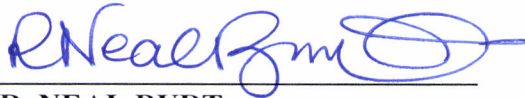
**CHAD SEAY,
Commissioner, Pct. 4**

ATTEST:



**KELLY PINION,
Lubbock County Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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