

DISASTER DECLARATION

NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS

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WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, NAVARRO COUNTY has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of NAVARRO COUNTY citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a "State of Disaster" in NAVARRO COUNTY will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, therefore, I, H. M. Davenport, Jr., County Judge of NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to NAVARRO COUNTY, and in accordance with Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, I HEREBY DECLARE A STATE OF DISASTER AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I RECOMMEND the postponement or cancellation of all public gatherings greater than 25 people.

I also RECOMMEND any persons who are high risk, or they are sick, or have traveled anywhere, but especially overseas, by any means of transportation in close proximity to others, to NOT KNOWLINGLY GO to any function or gathering of ANY group of people, especially if said person is feverish, has a cough, shortness of breath, or any other signs of the virus. Common sense and the advice of the medical community must prevail!

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than seven days unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of NAVARRO COUNTY.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2020.

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AT 10:10 O'CLOCK A. M.

MAR 18 2020



H. M. DAVENPORT, JR., NAVARRO COUNTY JUDGE

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