



DECLARATION OF DISASTER FIRST EXTENSION

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

WHEREAS, as of March 20, 2020, there are at least 143 confirmed cases in Texas with at least three being in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS, schools, many businesses, and other governmental entities are being ordered to alter their schedules, and some venues are ordered to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount;

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 Matagorda County residents; and

WHEREAS, declaring the extension of the local disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Matagorda County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses a continued imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in the court by Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, we hereby extend the declaration of a state of disaster for Matagorda County on the 23rd day of March, 2020 for fourteen (14) days.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared to continue for an additional fourteen (14) days for Matagorda County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County, Texas.

3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster continues the activities under the Matagorda County emergency management plan.

5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

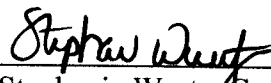
DECLARED this the 23rd day of March, 2020.

Approved:

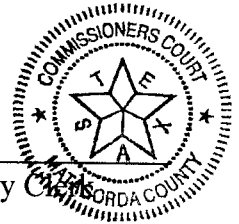


Nate McDonald, County Judge

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk



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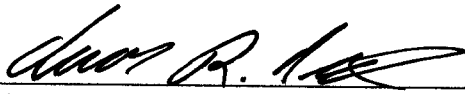
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