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## Local Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through 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, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, Hall 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 Hall County citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Hall County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Powell, Judge of Hall County, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to Hall County in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for Hall County, Texas.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I recommend, following the Presidents guidance on 3/17/2020, that public gatherings greater than 10 people be postponed or canceled.

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 Hall 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 [Hall County, Texas.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 2020.

ell. Hall County Judge

Olivia Duran, Hall County Clerk



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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

I declared a Local Disaster Declaration for Hall County on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. On March 26, 2020, Commissioners' Court approved extending the Declaration until terminated by the Governor of Texas or until the State Declaration was lifted or expired.

On March 31, 2020, the Governor of Texas extended the State Declaration on a statewide bases through April 30, 2020, subject to extension based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Therefore, I am extending the Local Disaster Declaration for Hall County through April 30, 2020, and beyond if need be.

Please take this Coronavirus situation seriously and follow all guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Ray Powell

Hall County Judge