



# HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE

## Wayne McDaniel

### IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HARDIN, BE IT KNOWN:

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel (new) coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director-General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director-General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization Director-General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States of America, Donald John Trump, declared the COVID-19 global pandemic as a National Emergency. Subsequently, Texas Governor Gregory Abbott declared a State of Disaster to include all 254 Texas Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into and throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, over 4,400 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States resulting in the death of at least 90 American citizens. The number of confirmed cases in the United States has increased by over 100% during the past 48-72 hours; 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**, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risks, and promote the health and safety of all residents throughout Hardin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Hardin County will work collaboratively with all municipalities, school districts and other local, State and federal entities as necessary to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and contagion of COVID-19 throughout the County, Region and State; and

**WHEREAS**, a public safety hazard exists and extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the life, health and safety of citizens, and are hereby ordered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED:**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Texas as the presiding officer of the governing body, I hereby DECLARE a local state of disaster within the entire boundaries of Hardin County, Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(a)


This State of Disaster shall continue for a period of seven (7) days from the date of this DECLARATION unless continued or renewed by the Hardin County Commissioners Court pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(b).

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance. This DECLARATION of a Local Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the Hardin County Clerk pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(c).

The Hardin County Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated, and all other statutory powers vested in me, and all Officers of Hardin County, to act in this local state of disaster are hereby initiated. This declaration activates the response, recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local and/or interlocal emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(d).

The County may adopt rules to protect the health of persons throughout the County, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 122.006.

**ORDERED** this 16 day of March, 2020.

  
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**Wayne McDaniel, County Judge**  
**Hardin County, Texas**

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