

SECOND AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11th, 2020; and

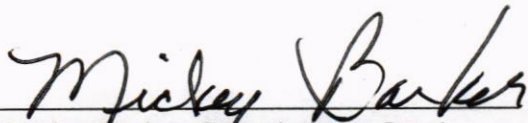
WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hopkins County; and


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

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Hopkins County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418 of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to Section 418 of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of the local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court, Office of Emergency Management and Local Health Authority strongly urges compliance with the following:
 - i) The Court adopts all measures of the April 27, 2020 Executive Order of Governor Greg Abbott, GA-18 as attached hereto. Also see Texans Helping Texans at gov.texas.gov
 - ii) In addition, locked businesses of less than 10 employees may operate under the following guidelines:
 - a) The doors to the business must remain locked to the public at all times and may be opened by key or by appointment only.
 - b) All individuals inside the business must remain at least 6 feet distance from all other individuals.
 - c) If it is necessary for the business operator to be closer than 6 feet to the client, the operator must wear a protective mask.
 - d) All equipment used by the business operator or client must be sanitized between uses. All business operators must exercise proper hand sanitizing at all times.
5. That all measures of this declaration shall take effect at 12 o'clock noon on the 28th day of April 2020, unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by this court.
6. The goal of this order is to reopen the Hopkins County economy while reopening Hopkins County safely.

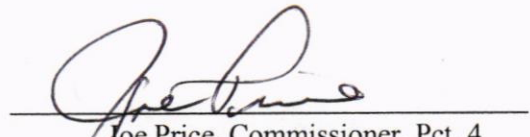
ORDERED this 28 day of April, 2020

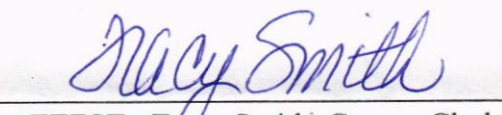

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge


Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4


ATTEST: Tracy Smith, County Clerk

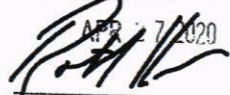




GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 27, 2020

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

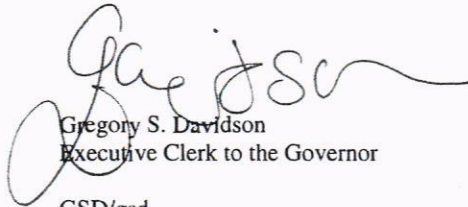
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-18 relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
April 27, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 18

Relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, I issued a proclamation renewing the disaster declaration for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and renewed that determination on April 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating certain obligations for Texans in accordance with the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on March 16, 2020, which called upon Americans to take actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 for 15 days; and

WHEREAS, shortly before Executive Order GA-08 expired, I issued Executive Order GA-14 on March 31, 2020, based on the President's announcement that the restrictive social-distancing Guidelines should extend through April 30, 2020, in light of advice from Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx, and also based on guidance by DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt and Dr. Birx that the spread of COVID-19 can be reduced by minimizing social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-14 superseded Executive Order GA-08 and expanded the social-distancing restrictions and other obligations for Texans that are aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19, including by limiting social gatherings and in-person contact with people (other than those in the same household) to providing or obtaining "essential services," and by expressly adopting federal guidance that provides a list of critical-infrastructure sectors, workers, and functions that should continue as "essential services" during the COVID-19 response; and

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