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STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF COLORADO §

DISASTER DECLARATION

COVID-19 Coronavirus

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 and the State of Texas declared a statewide Public Health Disaster on March 13, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the Coronavirus disease poses a threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Colorado County and threatens the functions and operations of the local hospitals, medical clinics, healthcare providers, EMS ambulance service, and county offices; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 provides a county judge the power to declare a local disaster in order to protect the citizens of the county and maintain order and public safety in times of catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of a potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance; and


WHEREAS, by enacting this Disaster Declaration Colorado County hereby formally requests the securement of adequate resources from the State of Texas for emergency services, emergency response, or law enforcement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. The COVID-19 outbreak poses an imminent threat of disaster.
2. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Colorado County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

3. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof unless the same is continued or renewed by consent of the Commissioners Court of Colorado County, Texas.
4. Public gatherings *shall* be limited to 25 people or less and private gatherings of 10 or more people *should* be avoided.
5. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Colorado County Clerk and the Texas Division of Emergency Management.
6. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster activates the Colorado County Emergency Management Plan.
7. A violation of this Disaster Declaration may be punishable by a fine or confinement in jail.
8. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and after its issuance.

SO ORDERED, PROCLAIMED AND PUBLISHED on this 17th day of March 2020.



Ty Prause
Colorado County Judge

Attest:



Kimberly Menke
Colorado County Clerk

