

## PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel corona virus, now designated as COVID-19, began to spread throughout the world and now has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wood County Emergency Operations Plan defines a disaster as the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or man-made cause; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster allows the County Judge to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, mitigate risk, and promote the health and safety of the residents of Wood County; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 in an attempt to prevent its spread throughout Wood County, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect the lives and health of Wood County citizens, in accordance with President Trump and Governor Abbott's emergency declarations, Wood County will follow suit to mitigate and reduce risks of exposure to COVID-19 in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Small Business Association (SBA) has designated COVID-19 as a qualifying event for the provision of Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses and private non-profits in affected communities.

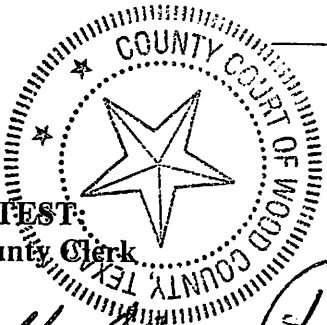
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS:**

1. A local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Wood County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners' Court of Wood County.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) 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 section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Wood County Emergency Management Plan.

5. Following the date of this order, and pursuant to the Texas Government Code, the Wood County Judge, Office of Emergency Management, and Local Health Authority strongly urge compliance with the following: all gatherings should adhere to the most current recommendations on group size limitations as promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
6. This proclamation shall take effect immediately.

DECLARED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

Lucy Hebron  
Lucy Hebron, Wood County Judge



ATTEST:  
County Clerk

Kelley Price  
Kelley Price