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IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF MARION COUNTY, TEXAS
MARCH 19, 2020

VICKIE SMITH
CO. CLERK, MARION CO

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19 VIRUS

BY H. Smith DEPUTY
County Clerk

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness, which may lead to further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly 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 spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Marion County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration activates Marion County's Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency and to contain the spread of the virus;

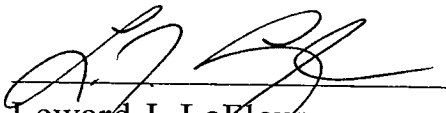
THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by The County Judge of Marion County that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Marion County, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. The state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or

renewed by the Marion County Commissioners Court, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Government Code.

3. This declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Marion County Clerk, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Marion County Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.018(6) of the Texas Government Code.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 19th day of March at 1 o'clock P.m.


Leward J. LaFleur
Marion County Judge