

## TARRANT COUNTY

## THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RENEWAL OF SAME

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 can range from mild to severe illness and cause 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 worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Tarrant County and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease control the risk promote health, and compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease. These measures include isolation, surveillance quarantine or placement of persons under public health observation including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated. A declaration allows the request of assistance from the Governor for state resources, and

WHEREAS this Declaration continues the activation of the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan and

**WHEREAS** the County Judge 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

WHEREAS The County Judge issued a Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020 and the County Commissioners issued a Renewal of Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020 On March 18 2020 the County Judge issued a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency The County Judge issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 21 2020 and an Executive Order on March 22 2020 to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the residents of Tarrant County The County Commissioners issued a Renewal of Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 22 2020 and again on March 24 2020 and

WHEREAS The County Judge has issued numerous Executive Orders in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster. The last Executive Order was issued on April 21, 2020 and was permitted to expire on April 30, 2020. Despite the expiration of the last Executive Order, the declaration of local disaster due to public health emergency has continued in place in Tarrant County due to the spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS Tarrant County and its residents continue to be negatively impacted by the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19

## THEREFORE Be It Proclaimed by the County Judge that

- A state of disaster continues to exist in Tarrant County due to the spread of COVID-19
- The Declaration of Local Disaster initially declared on March 13 2020 has remained in place continuously since such date based on action taken by the Commissioners Court, and was verbally extended by the County Judge in Commissioners Court on June 2, 2020

## NOW THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the County Judge and County Commissioners that

- A state of disaster continues to exist in Tarrant County due to the spread of COVID-19
- On June 2, 2020 the County Commissioners, in open court, approved, continued and renewed the extension of the County's Declaration of Local Disaster
- Pursuant to the action taken by the Commissioners Court, the Declaration of Local Disaster shall remain in force and effect until August 31, 2020 unless rescinded by an order of the Commissioners Court
- The action taken by the Commissioners Court affirmed the continuation of the current state of disaster and the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan
- This Third Amended Declaration of Local Disaster and Renewal of Same shall be promptly filed with the County Clerk
- This Third Amended Declaration of Local Disaster and Renewal of Same memorializes the actions taken by the Commissioners Court on June 2 2020 in writing

ORDERED and RENEWED effective the 2nd day of June 2020

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