

MAVERICK COUNTY

DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Recitals

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic;

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 13, 2020 declared a state of disaster and authorized all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 5,587 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States, including 101 deaths; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk for the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, unidentifiable infected individuals could not be properly tracked to prevent the spread of infection; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus 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; and

WHEREAS, I, David Saucedo, County Judge of Maverick County, together with Commissioners Court have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, prevent the spread of the disease and promote the health and safety of individuals in Maverick County; and

WHEREAS, Maverick County will work collaboratively with the Mayor of the City of Eagle Pass, Maverick County employees as well as the local health authority to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contagion and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I, and Commissioners Court, authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the County's response to this situation.

WHEREAS, I, as a County Judge, and with the consent of Commissioner's Court issued an Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 18, 2020.

WHEREAS, there have been violations of this Declaration by some in the community of Maverick County including within the municipalities.

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

1. The Declaration of Disaster Due to a Public Health Emergency that was issued, and consented to by Commissioners Court, on March 18, 2020 remains in full force effect..
2. Pursuant to section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates the Declaration of March 18th, 2020 commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail that does not exceed 180 days.

3. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the County may take actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the County.

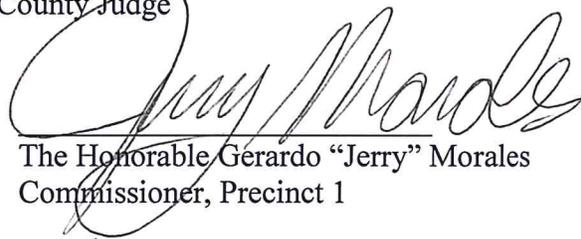
This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR THE EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

ORDERED this 20th day of March, 2020.



The Honorable David R. Saucedo
County Judge



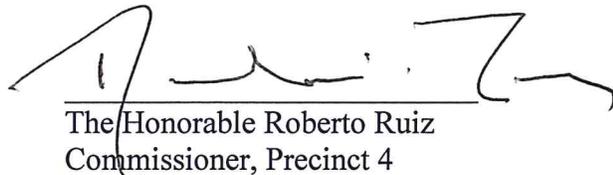
The Honorable Gerardo "Jerry" Morales
Commissioner, Precinct 1



The Honorable Rosy Cantu
Commissioner, Precinct 2

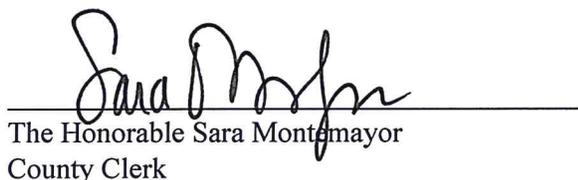
Absent

The Honorable Pete Venegas
Commissioner, Precinct 3



The Honorable Roberto Ruiz
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Filed with the Clerk of Maverick County:



The Honorable Sara Montemayor
County Clerk

Date: 3/20/2020