

MAVERICK COUNTY, TEXAS
NINTH DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
WITH THE CONSENT OF MAVERICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Maverick County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioner's court issued a declaration of local state of disaster due to public health emergency (1st disaster declaration), thereby activating the Maverick County, Texas, Emergency Management Plan.

WHEREAS in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the County Judge as presiding officer and as emergency management director continue to exercise powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified;

WHERE AS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat;

WHEREAS, the County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a disaster area and control the movement of persons and occupancy of premises on an appropriate local scale in accordance with Section 418108(g) of the Texas Government Code and his authority as Emergency Management Director

WHEREAS, Maverick County, Texas, has 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.

WHEREAS, Maverick County Commissioners Court, has determined that individual residents of the County have been adversely affected by COVID-19 and need assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY JUDGE SAUCEDO OF MAVERICK COUNTY, TEXAS, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF MAVERICK COUNTY COMMISSIOENR'S COURT:

SECTION 1. Public Health Emergency

That this Declaration shall continue the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for Maverick County until further Order of this Court or by Order of the County Judge and shall incorporate and adopt the most recent declarations and executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott on June 3, 2020, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

SECTION 2. Commissioners Court has determined to provide assistance to individual residents of the County that have been affected by COVID-19 and based upon the Declaration of the local state of disaster under section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code. The Court implements the following policies and procedures to ensure that money provided from the General Fund of the County is used for the public purposes of providing disaster relief for emergency food, shelter, transportation or other items or services necessary for public health and safety and shall be determined by the County Judge and shall be determined based on the following pursuant to section 130.910 of the Texas Local Government Code:

- (1) The individual resident shall provide a notarized statement of proof of income; household expenses; proof of exposure to COVID-19 by them or their family;

- (2) Determine that financial assistance from other sources, including this state and the federal government, is unavailable or inadequate at the time of the request for assistance;
- (3) This support shall not exceed \$2,600.00 to anyone individual; and
- (4) This support shall be provided directly to the entity or individual that provides the service, material or labor.

SECTION 3. Health and Safety Policy - Commercial Entities. From the date of this Declaration, all commercial entities in Maverick County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("**Health and Safety Policy**"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Declaration may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Declaration in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Declaration within five (5) calendar days following the Effective Date may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

SECTION 4. Face Coverings - General Public. That all people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Maverick County residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. Maverick County employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment. Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. **Face coverings are *not* a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick.** All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask. Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- washing hands before you leave home and when you return,
- staying at least six feet away from others,
- avoiding touching nose or face,
- not using disposable masks more than three times, and

- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

SECTION 5. Maverick County Essential Business

That residents of Maverick County conduct essential Maverick County business online or via regular mail to avoid visiting any Maverick County facilities unless absolutely necessary.

SECTION 6. Severability

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Declaration are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Declaration should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are severable.

SECTION 7:

To adhere and follow all applicable laws under the Texas Health and Safety Code and the Texas criminal statutes relating to communicable diseases, Local Health Authority powers, and criminal violations for failing to comply with isolation and quarantine orders

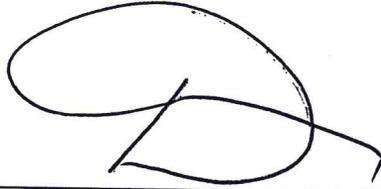
SECTION 8. Interpretation and Additional Terms

To the greatest extent possible, this Declaration shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Declaration, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.

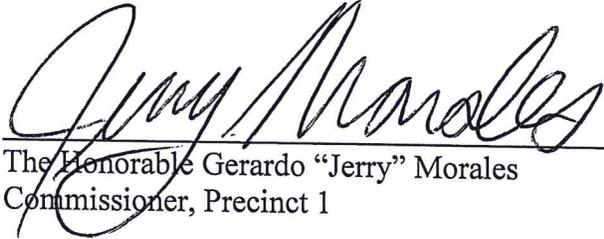
SECTION 9. Enforcement.

Excepting Section 4 of this Declaration and in accordance with the limitations contained in the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott, that any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Declaration in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.

Ordered this 23rd day of June, 2020



David Saucedo, County Judge
County of Maverick, Texas



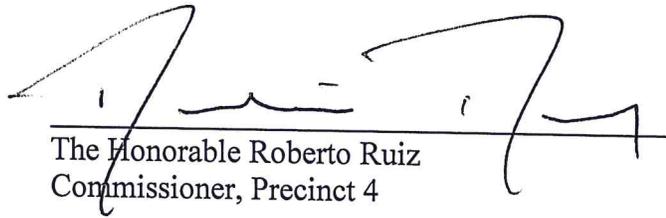
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