



# Proclamation

## DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

- Whereas,** in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 was detected in Wuhan City, Hubel Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, pneumonia and in some cases death, and;
- Whereas,** on January 20, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) 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 Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the crisis is now a pandemic after it has infected nearly 120,000 people around the world and killed 4,300. 1,267 cases have been confirmed in the United States; and
- Whereas,** those with symptoms who have traveled or have been in contact with an individual that has traveled to a country that has coronavirus cases confirmed within the last two weeks are urged to see their physicians; and
- Whereas,** on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19 and has invoked the Stafford Act, which allows state and local government to access federal disaster relief funds; and
- Whereas,** to date, there have been 134 confirmed positive cases in Texas and 2 deaths; and
- Whereas,** pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor is designated as the Emergency Management Director of the City of San Juan, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; 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 the health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and
- Whereas,** by this Declaration of Disaster and Public Health Emergency, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent emergency response to this threat

2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than fourteen days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City of San Juan Commission.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to §418.020© of the Texas Government Code, this declaration authorizes the city to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters for evacuees, subject to compensation requirements.
6. Pursuant to §122.066 of the Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the city to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City of San Juan, and finding those who do not comply with the City's rules.
7. This declaration should take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS

  
Mayor Mario Garza

ATTEST:

  
Diana H. Cavazos, City Secretary

