



**THE COUNTY OF KERR**

**KERR COUNTY, TEXAS, PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC EMERGENCY**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, a large gathering of individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus spreads between persons who are in close contact with one another and presents a threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of a local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to the COVID-19 virus, control the risk, prevent the spread of the virus and promote the health and safety of individuals in Kerr County; and

**WHEREAS**, Kerr County will work collaboratively with the mayors of cities and school districts within Kerr County's jurisdiction, as well as local and state health authorities to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of the COVID-19 virus;

**NOW, THEREOFRE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, BY THE COUNTY JUDGE:**

1. A state of disaster has been declared for Kerr County.
2. The Kerr County Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.

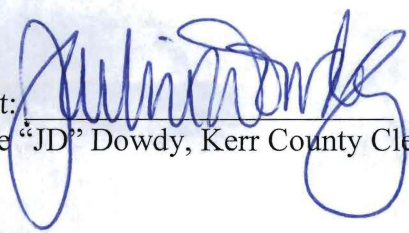
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless same is continued by consent of the Kerr County Commissioners' Court.
4. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, Kerr County may take actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the county.
5. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**ORDERED, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**



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Honorable Rob Kelly, Kerr County Judge

Attest:

  
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Jackie "JD" Dowdy, Kerr County Clerk

