



COOKE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has 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 on March 13, 2020; and

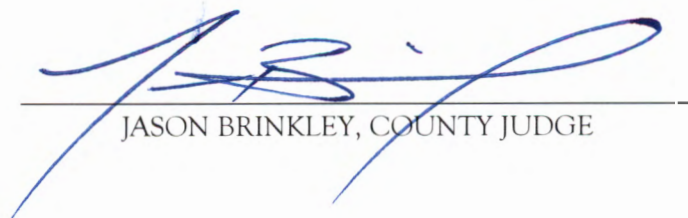
WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Cooke County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Cooke County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness, response and public safety.

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

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Cooke County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Cooke County is ordering that all public or social events, excluding schools, attended by 50 people or more be cancelled.
3. It is recommended those hosting any event ensure that appropriate precautions be taken, in accordance with Center for Disease Control, to reduce contact and the possible spread of COVID-19 virus.
4. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of Cooke County, Texas.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.



JASON BRINKLEY, COUNTY JUDGE

