

**DECLARATION AND 4<sup>TH</sup> RATIFICATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT  
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS  
(COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

**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**, on March 19, 2020, the Hockley County Judge, Sharla Baldrige, declared a local state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout Hockley County, said Declaration renewed on March 26, 2020 and modified and extended on March 31, 2020 and on April 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Hockley 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.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Hockley County, Texas has determined that due to the issuance of the Executive Order GA-18 by the Governor of the State of Texas, it is necessary to amend, modify and replace the Declaration and 3<sup>RD</sup> Ratification of Local Disaster and Stay at Home/Stay Safe Order issued on April 6, 2020 and that amendments to this Declaration must be taken to be in strict compliance with the Governor's Executive Order GA-18; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Hockley County, Texas pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** All terms and conditions of Declaration and 3<sup>RD</sup> Ratification of Local Disaster and Stay at Home/Stay Safe Order and any previous Orders are replaced and supplanted in their entirety by this Declaration and 4<sup>TH</sup> Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Amendment, Modification and Replacement.

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Hockley County, Texas.

**SECTION 4.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, this ratification order is being issued in Hockley County's Emergency Management Plan and any person who knowingly or intentionally violates Executive Order GA-18 issued by the Governor of the State of Texas commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 5.** This Order shall go into effect at 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2020 and continue until further Orders from the Governor of the State of Texas unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the County Judge and/or the Hockley County Commissioners Court.

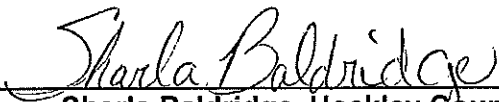
**SECTION 6.** That this Declaration and 4<sup>TH</sup> Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Amendment, Modification and Replacement authorizes the County Judge, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418, on behalf of Hockley County, Texas, to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus and enforcing applicable orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 7.** That to the extent this Declaration conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-18, Executive Order GA-18 controls and the County Judge may comport and amend this Ratification and Order to be consistent with Executive Order GA-18.

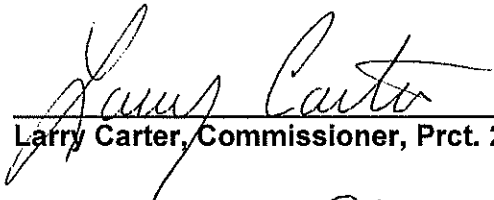
**SECTION 8.** That the County Judge is authorized to use all available resources of Hockley County reasonably necessary to comply with this Declaration.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect at the time stated. After its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Commissioners Court and/or the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

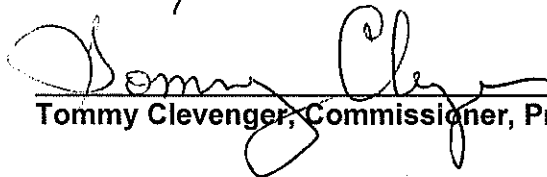
**SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

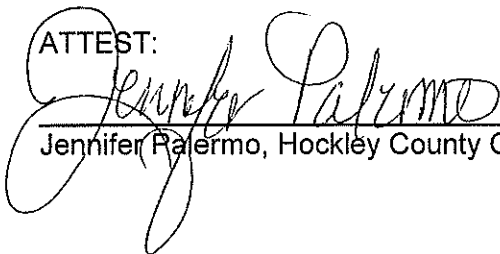
  
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Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

*Absent*  
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Curtis Thrash, Commissioner, Prct. 1

  
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Larry Carter, Commissioner, Prct. 2

  
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J.L. "Whitey" Barnett, Commissioner, Prct. 3

  
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Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Prct. 4

ATTEST:  
  
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Jennifer Palermo, Hockley County Clerk

