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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR
STARR COUNTY, TEXAS
(COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, a contagious respiratory virus has spread globally; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbot declared a state of disaster for the State of Texas on the 13th day of March, 2020, to protect the health and welfare of Texans in relations to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale that could escalate and cause an imminent threat; and

WHEREAS, I Eloy Vera, County of Judge of Starr County, together with the Commissioners Court has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people that could be exposed or infected with the virus, as well as those that could be potentially impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires **June 12, 2020**, after the issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY ELOY VERA, COUNTY OF JUDGE OF STARR COUNTY:

1. Pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for STARR COUNTY;
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue until **June 12, 2020**, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Starr County;
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with Humberto Gonzalez, Jr., as the County Clerk of STARR COUNTY;
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state disaster for public health emergency activities the Starr County Emergency Management Plan, in addition to implementation of the Starr County Continuity of Operation Plan, and
5. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. Starr County therefore adopts the attached **Amended Emergency Order and Recommendations Related to the Expanded Reopening of Select Services during the Public Health Emergency** and regarding public and private gatherings.
7. **BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is Punishable as a Class C Misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the country's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

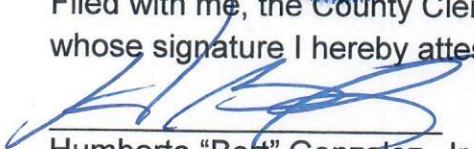
SIGNED THIS 11th Day of May, 2020.

STARR COUNTY




Eloy Vera
Starr County Judge

Filed with me, the County Clerk of Starr County, this 11th day of May, 2020 by Judge Eloy Vera, whose signature I hereby attest under my hand and the seal of Starr County.


Humberto "Bert" Gonzalez, Jr.
Starr County Clerk