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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

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

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, counties in close proximity of Angelina County, Smith, Rusk, Van Zandt, Gregg, and Montgomery counties all have positive tests of the COVID-19 Virus; and

WHEREAS, the County of Angelina on March 19, 2020 is under an imminent threat of a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus which has been known to cause serious health problems and possible death if contracted; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county level; and

WHEREAS, Angelina County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, some schools, universities and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Texas; and

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Duration. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Angelina County, Texas.

SECTION 3. Publicity and Filing. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

SECTION 4. Activation of the County Emergency Management Plan. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Angelina County Texas, Emergency Management Plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. Prohibited and Limited Gatherings.

a) That this declaration hereby prohibits public or private gatherings of more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A “gathering” refers generally to a scheduled or unscheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area. This includes recreational gatherings of more than 10 people. A “recreational gathering” is a gathering that is primarily for a social purpose – backyard barbecue, social event, pickup basketball game, or other similar gathering.

i. A prohibited gathering does not include the following, so long as persons present are generally not within six feet of one another for extended periods:

a. office space, public and private schools, child-care facilities, or residential buildings, or any type of temporary sheltering or housing;

b. grocery stores, or retail establishments where large numbers of people are present, but it is unusual for them to be within six feet of one another for extended periods; and

c. hospital and medical facilities.

b) That this declaration limits restaurants and food service establishments, with or without drive-through services, to take out delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services as allowed by law.

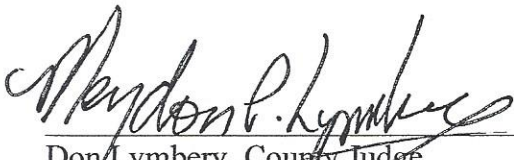
c) That this declaration requires a bar, lounge, or tavern; private club; public gym, fitness club, or health studio; inside commercial amusement; or theater to close.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 7. That this declaration **shall take effect at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020**, and shall remain in effect until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended, or until it expires pursuant to applicable law.

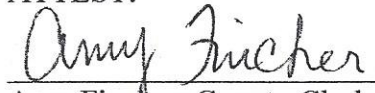
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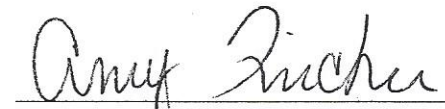

Don Lymbery, County Judge
Angelina County, Texas

Filed this 19th day of March 2020 at
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ATTEST:


Amy Fincher, County Clerk
Angelina County, Texas





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ANGELINA COUNTY AND CITY OF LUFKIN DECLARE LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

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LUFKIN, TX – Angelina County Judge Don Lymbery and City of Lufkin Mayor Bob Brown have each declared a Local State of Disaster Due to a Public State of Emergency today due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. The respective declarations are effective at 11:59 p.m. March 20, 2020, and will be in place through March 27, 2020, unless extended by the County Commissioners Court and City Council, for their jurisdictions, in the coming week.

“Today, we joined the County and the State in declaring a state of disaster due to a public health emergency. We took this step specifically to activate the City’s emergency management plan and to proactively prevent the rapid spread of the virus,” Mayor Bob Brown said.

County Judge Don Lymbery added, “We are working locally with the City and the Angelina County & Cities Health District to coordinate our efforts. Through the cooperation of our residents listening closely to our public health experts and practicing social distancing protocols, we can reduce our risks all over the County.”

The regulations contained in the Declarations include:

- A prohibition of gatherings of more than 10 people
- A prohibition of dine-in services for restaurants
- The closure of bars, lounges, taverns, private clubs, gyms, health studios, theaters and commercial amusement facilities

The regulations, which have the effect of ordinances during the duration of the declaration, are meant to protect life and property and preserve critical resources while a state of disaster is in effect.

The declarations carry with them a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days, for violations of the regulations.

A copy of the City of Lufkin Declaration is available on the City's web page, at <https://www.cityoflufkin.com>

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