



DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR DICKENS COUNTY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as SARS-CoV-2, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world, with the virus causing a respiratory illness designated COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease spread through person-to-person contact and respiratory droplet mechanisms (with some evidence that it may also possibly be spread via airborne mechanisms), and poses a particular threat to various vulnerable groups, including the elderly and those with many preexisting conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott signed a proclamation declaring a state of disaster in all counties in the State of Texas, authorizing the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, as of April 6, 2020, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been found in over half of the counties in Texas, including every major city in the state; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 throughout the state, including in to places where citizens of Dickens County travel for essential supplies and services renders the disease an imminent threat to the public health of the citizens of Dickens County;

FILED FOR RECORD
THIS 6th DAY OF April 2020
AT 4:20 O'CLOCK P M
BECKY HILL
COUNTY CLERK, DICKENS CO., TEXAS
BY *Becky Hill* DEPUTY

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order on Thursday, March 19, 2020 issuing orders for Texans to adhere to certain control measures and mitigation strategies, and has issued a series of additional Executive Orders since that date adding additional control measures, which order has been superseded and supplemented by a further Executive Order (GA-14) issued on Tuesday, March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commissioner of State Health Services declared a Public Health Disaster for the entire State of Texas on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and outlines certain control measures and mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS said state of disaster requires that certain extraordinary preventative control measures must be therefore taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Dickens County on an emergency basis pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, codified as Texas Gov't Code, Chapter 418;

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

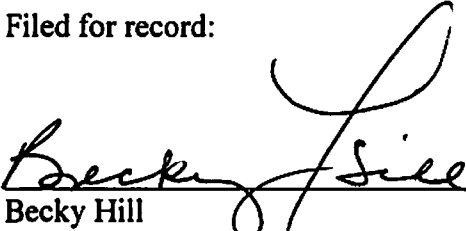
1. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 418.108(a), a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby proclaimed for Dickens County, Texas.
2. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 418.108(b), this declaration of disaster shall be effective for seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued, renewed, or extended by the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 418.108(c), this declaration of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be promptly filed of record by Becky Hill, Dickens County & District Clerk.
4. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 418.108(d), this declaration of disaster activates the Dickens County Emergency Management Plan, as well as Dickens County plans for continuity of operations.
5. This declaration of a state of disaster shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 6th day of April, 2020.



Kevin Brendle
Dickens County Judge

Filed for record:



Becky Hill
Dickens County & District Clerk

Acknowledged and approved as to content:



Wess Abbott
Dickens County Emergency Management Coordinator

Approved as to form:

Aaron Clements
Dickens County Attorney