



TARRANT COUNTY

RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Tarrant County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the County Judge and Commissioners of Tarrant County that:

1. A local state of disaster was declared for Tarrant County, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, on March 13, 2020.
2. This Renewal of Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
3. This Renewal of Declaration of Local Disaster affirms the activation of the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster for a period of 90 days unless rescinded by an order of the Commissioners Court.

ORDERED and RENEWED this the 17th day of March 2020 at ____ a.m.

County Judge B. Glen Whitley

Roy C. Brooks
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Gary Fickes
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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