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**COUNTY OF PANOLA, TEXAS**

**MAR 25 2020**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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COUNTY CLERK, PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY B. Davis DEPUTY

**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 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 the County of Panola, Texas; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Small Business Association (SBA) has designated COVID-19 as a qualifying event for the provision of Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses and private non-profits in affected communities; and

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

**WHEREAS**, I have 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.

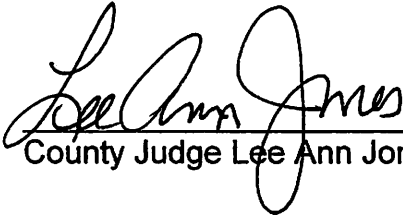
**THEREFORE**, be it Proclaimed by the County Judge of Panola County, Texas that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for the County of Panola pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That pursuant to Section 418.018(b) of the Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration unless continued or renewed by the Panola County Commissioners' Court.

3. That this Declaration mirrors the State of Texas Governor's Declaration and Proclamation issued by Governor Greg Abbott.
4. That this Declaration here authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** this 25th day of March, 2020.



  
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County Judge Lee Ann Jones