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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

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

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

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Hopkins County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hopkins, Texas.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of the local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
5. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, the Hopkins County Judge, Office of Emergency Management, and Local Health Authority strongly urges compliance with the following:

All gatherings should adhere to the most current recommendations promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Organizers (whether groups or individuals) are to cancel or postpone in-person social events that expect a gathering of ten (10) or more people.

6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately.

ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2020 at 3:30 a.m./p.m.

*Robert Newsom*

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Hopkins County Judge



*Tracy Smith*

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Hopkins County Clerk