



PROCLAMATION DISASTER DECLARATION ORDER

PROCLAMATION ORDER #PO-23-2020

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus;

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 located in multiple Texas counties;

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott issued an emergency declaration and hosted a press conference on the COVID-19 Threat on March 13th 2020;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Aransas County to follow the March 13th 2020 order issued by Governor Abbott; and

WHEREAS, Aransas County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by Judge C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. of Aransas County, Texas:

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Aransas County pursuant to §418.108(a) of the *Texas Government Code*.

Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the *Texas Government Code*, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by Aransas County.

Pursuant to §418.108(h) of the *Texas Government Code*, the jurisdiction and authority of the County Judge includes the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Aransas County.

Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the *Texas Government Code*, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Aransas County Clerk.

Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the *Texas Government Code*, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Aransas County Emergency Management Plan.

That this Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED this 16th Day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.H. Mills, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., Aransas County Judge

FILED
AT 2:32 P.M.
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VALERIE K. AMASON
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS