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ORDER OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization, and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States, and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county at municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, Delta County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Delta County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-08, mandating the avoidance of social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, the avoidance of eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts; provided however the use of drive-thru, pickup or delivery options is allowed and highly recommended, or visiting gyms or massage parlors, the avoidance of visiting nursing homes, or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance, and closing schools throughout the State of Texas for a period of time.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 and Texas Government Code Section 418.173, failure to comply with this order is an offense punishable, for each transaction, by penalty of a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in the jail for a term not exceeding 180 days.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the County Judge issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster and public health emergency for Delta County, Texas, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to Delta County.

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordered by the Commissioners Court of Delta County, Texas, that the declaration of disaster proclaimed for the COVID-19 public health emergency by the County Judge on March 20, 2020 shall continue until terminated by order of the Commissioners Court.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Delta County.

Adopted this 23rd day of March, 2020.


Delta County Judge Jason Murray


Eric Lair, Commissioner, Precinct 1


Bobby Asbill, Commissioner, Precinct 3


Jimmy Sweat, Commissioner, Precinct 2


Mark Brantley, Commissioner, Precinct 4


Delta County Clerk Jane Jones

