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Clerk County Court, Haskell County, Texas
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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER BY PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a State of Disaster in Texas due to COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, a large gathering of individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

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

WHEREAS, Haskell County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID – 19 to protect the health and welfare of residents of Haskell County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Haskell County, Texas has determined that declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY KENNY THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE OF HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared by Haskell County, Texas pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to Section 418.018(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Haskell County, Texas.

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

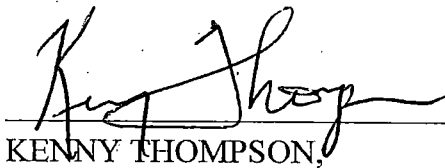
Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Haskell County Clerk.

Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency activates the Haskell County Emergency Management Plan and all other emergency statutory and ordinance powers vested in the County Judge or other County officials.

Pursuant to Section 418.018(g) of the Texas Government Code, the County Judge may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area under the term of this disaster declaration, unless terminated or modified by another order or declaration.

This this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny Thompson", is written over a horizontal line.

KENNY THOMPSON,
Haskell County Judge