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## Cooke County Public Health Emergency Declaration

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WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas on March 13, 2020; and

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

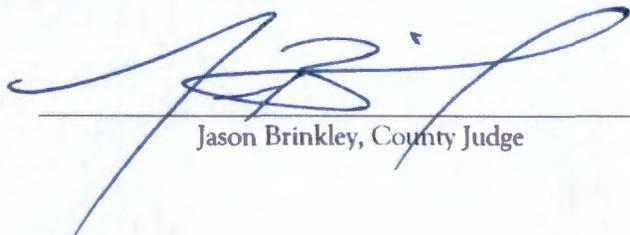
WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Cooke County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness, response and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the undersign Commissioners Court members agree to the County Judge's orders outlined below.

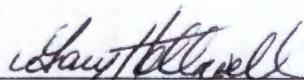
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

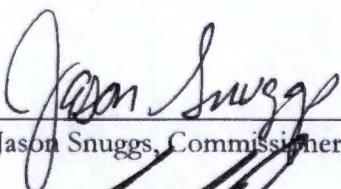
1. That a state of disaster is declared for Cooke County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Cooke County is ordering that all individuals follow the Governor's Executive Order GA-14 issued on March 31, 2020.
3. It is recommended all residents ensure that appropriate precautions be taken, in accordance with Center for Disease Control, to reduce contact and the possible spread of COVID-19 virus.
4. In accordance with Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
5. This declaration shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.
6. This declaration supersedes the March 23, 2020 declaration.

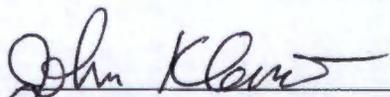
7. ORDERED this 6th day of April 2020.

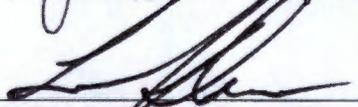
  
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Jason Brinkley, County Judge

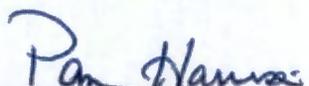
Consented and agreed to by:

  
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Gary Hollowell, Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
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Jason Snuggs, Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
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John Klement, Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
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Leon Klement, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:   
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Pam Harrison, County Clerk