

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF REFUGIO

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Novel Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and has since spread throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United States of America, declared the COVID-19 a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, on March 13, 2020 certified that COVID-19 posed an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas in accordance with the authority vested to the Governor in Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code; and

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

**WHEREAS**, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response, and;


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

1. That a local state of disaster is declared for Refugio County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. 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 Refugio, Texas.
3. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**ORDERED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Robert Blaschke  
County Judge  
Refugio County, Texas

Attest:  
  
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Ida Ramirez  
County Clerk  
Refugio County, Texas

