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SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH, COUNTY CLERK

State of Texas

No. 6924

County of Newton

### CONTINUED DECLARATION OF DISASTER

**WHEREAS**, Newton County, Texas on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, was in threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from conditions created by the COVID-19 Pandemic

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risks, and promote the health and safety of all residents throughout NEWTON County; and

**WHEREAS**, NEWTON County will work collaboratively with all municipalities, school districts and other local, State and federal entities as necessary to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and contagion of COVID-19 throughout the County, Region and State; and

**WHEREAS**, a public safety hazard exists and extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the life, health and safety of citizens, and are hereby ordered. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Texas as the presiding officer of the governing body, I hereby DECLARE a local state of disaster within the entire boundaries of NEWTON County, Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(a)

This State of Disaster shall continue May 11, 2020, unless continued or renewed by the NEWTON County Commissioners Court pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(b).

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance. This DECLARATION of a Local Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the NEWTON County Clerk pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(c).

The NEWTON County Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated, and all other statutory powers vested in me, and all Officers of NEWTON County, to act in this local state of disaster are hereby initiated. This declaration activates the response, recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local and/or interlocal emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and

assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(d).

The County may adopt rules to protect the health of persons throughout the County, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 122.006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY:

I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Newton County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue through November 11, 2019, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Newton County, Texas.

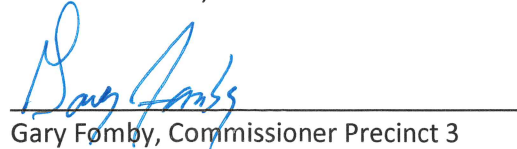
III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county/city Emergency Management Plan.

**ORDERED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.



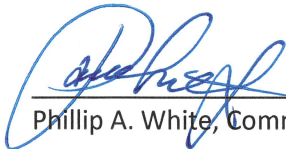
William L. Fuller, Commissioner Precinct 1



Gary Fomby, Commissioner Precinct 3



Kenneth Weeks, Newton County Judge



Phillip A. White, Commissioner Precinct 2



Wesley Gene Thompson, Commissioner Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Sandra K. Duckworth, County Clerk