



**ORDER**

**BY**

**THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY**

**BE IT KNOWN:**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020 Caldwell County Judge Hoppy Haden declared a state of Disaster in Caldwell County due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has continued to spread, necessitating additional emergency action to protect the health and welfare of residents of Caldwell County from the spread COVID-19; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY AND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER IS DECLARED WITHIN CALDWELL COUNTY BASED ON THE THREAT POSED BY COVID-19 AND ORDER:**

**SECTION I.**

This state of disaster will continue for 21 days or until continued, renewed or authorized by the Commissioners Court.

This declaration activates the Caldwell County Emergency Management Program and all other emergency statutory and ordinance powers vested in the County Judge or other County officials.

Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance under the administration of such plans.

**SECTION II.**

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(g), the County Judge may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area under the jurisdiction and authority of the county judge and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in

that area.

Effective immediately, gatherings of 50 persons or more anywhere in Caldwell County are prohibited effective immediately and continuing through the term of this disaster declaration, unless terminated or modified by another order or declaration.

A violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 418.173 and adopted in the county emergency management plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

### SECTION III.

This Order applies to all unincorporated and incorporated areas within the boundaries of Caldwell County.

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

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

ORDERED this the 17th day of March, 2020.

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Hoppy Haden

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Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

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Caldwell County Clerk