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COUNTY OF SAN SABA
SAN SABA, TEXAS 76877

March 20, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas
c/o Chief Texas Division of Emergency Management
P. O. Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Dear Governor Abbott:

The county of San Saba, Texas is facing significant threats to life and health due to both the COVID-19 threat as well as the loss of the only full market grocery store in the county. The potential impact of these events poses a severe threat to the public health and safety of the citizens of the county.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the local jurisdiction to manage. Pursuant to §433.001 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that your office declare a state of emergency for the state of Texas and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency; including FEMA's assistance, access to the state VOADs, and SBA loan availability to affected citizens.

Furthermore, I am asking that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of illness and possible loss of life is contained. A timely response to this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Byron Theodosis
San Saba County Judge

**COUNTY OF SAN SABA , TEXAS
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas 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; and

WHEREAS, San Saba County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, San Saba County's only full market grocery store was completely destroyed by fire on March 20, 2020 leaving the citizens of the county needing to drive over 25 miles to purchase essential food needs; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

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

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for **SAN SABA COUNTY**, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of San Saba County, Texas.

SECTION 3. That 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 County Clerk.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the San Saba County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 7. 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.


SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, 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.

DECLARED this 20th day of March, 2020.



San Saba County Judge
San Saba County , Texas

20th FOR RECORD
day of March 2020
at 4:45 o'clock P. M.

Clerk County Court, San Saba, Texas

By _____ Deputy