

RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION- COVID 19

WHEREAS on the 18th day of March 2020, the City of Florence is under imminent threat of infiltration of an infectious respiratory disease into the population that could create a shortage of emergency medical services or other resources, as well as human injury arising from the spread of the COVID-19 virus and;

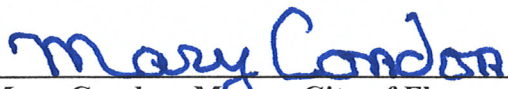
WHEREAS the City of Florence Mayor has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect, mitigate, or alleviate the suffering of people in the community, by securing adequate resources for emergency services, emergency response, or law enforcement; and

WHEREAS the governor of the State of Texas, the Honorable Greg Abbott, has preemptively declared a state of disaster in Williamson County and all the other counties posed by the imminent threat of COVID-19 by and through a Proclamation attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That I certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster.
2. That the local state of disaster is declared for the City of Florence, Williamson County, Texas pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
3. Pursuant to § 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof unless the same is continued or renewed by consent of the City of Florence Mayor.
4. Pursuant § 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City of Florence Secretary and the Division of Emergency Management.
5. Pursuant § 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster activates the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and after issuance.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 18th day of March, 2020.



Mary Condon, Mayor, City of Florence



Amy L. Crane, City Secretary, City of Florence



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

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

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 located in multiple Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50 Texans with pending tests for COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, some schools, universities, and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as increasing laboratory testing capacity, coordinating preparedness efforts across state agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster for all counties in Texas.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to cope with this declared disaster, I hereby suspend such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster for that limited purpose.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed

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with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto signed my name and have
officially caused the Seal of State to be
affixed at my office in the City of
Austin, Texas, this the 13th day of
March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth R. Hughs".

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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