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KAY HARDIN, COUNTY CLERK  
YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS

## LOCAL DECLARATION OF IMMINENT DISASTER

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

Date: March 17, 2020

Dear Governor Abbott:

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency and Governor of the State of Texas certified that NOVEL COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas on the 13th day of March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, CoronaVirus (NOVEL COVID-19) poses the threat of infection, serious illness and possible death to all ages of people, those with pre-existing conditions, the aged and those with a weakened immune system are the most vulnerable having the highest risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418.108 authorizes the county judge to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Authority along with a consensus of many educated, trained and experienced medical professionals has determined the rapid spread of this NEW CoronaVirus (NOVEL COVID-19) has become an imminent threat to Young County; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the spread of a highly communicable disease into the public; and

**WHEREAS**, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of spread of CoronaVirus (NOVEL COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of the NOVEL COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Young County.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to 418.108 Texas Government Code I, John C. Bullock, County Judge of Young County, Texas do hereby **DECLARE** an **IMMINENT DISASTER** pending in Young County, Texas.

**AND FURTHER**, make the following as suggestions, advisories and guidelines unless such should be determined to require stronger measures.

This local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the Commissioners Court consents to its renewal or continuance.

**DECLARED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2020**

**JOHN C. BULLOCK, YOUNG COUNTY JUDGE**

Exhibit A attached

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### EXHIBIT "A"

- Schools should suspend classes indefinitely
- Churches should suspend congregational services
- Gyms, Health Clubs and Bars should temporarily close
- Event Facilities should re-schedule or cancel events
- Any gathering of 25 or more should be canceled
- Proceedings / Ceremonies limited to necessary parties
- Respect distancing of 6' or more
- Reduce on-site staffing to essential personnel
- Encourage working at home if possible
- Encourage ordering food for take-out or delivery

#### Hygiene

- Wash hands w/soap and water often for 20 seconds
- Use of hand sanitizer 60% or greater
- Wash clothes that are worn daily
- Wear fresh clothes daily
- Avoid large crowds
- Respect Distancing 6 feet or more
- Stay at home as much as possible

#### Illness

If you feel sick call your doctor, if you feel very sick go to the Emergency Room.

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