



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
DECLARING A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, A novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has 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 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cooke County has declared a local disaster due to public health emergency on March 17, 2020; and

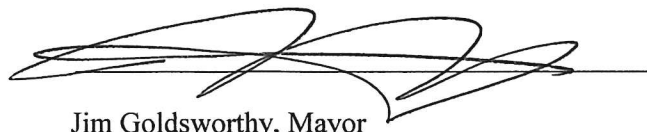
WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of Gainesville has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect public safety and mitigate the spread of COVID, and

WHEREAS, declaring a disaster in the City of Gainesville will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness, response and public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
GAINESVILLE:**

- 1.) That a state of disaster is declared due to public health emergency for the City of Gainesville, Texas pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2.) Pursuant to section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas.
- 3.) Pursuant to section 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 4.) Pursuant to section 418.108 (d) of The Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Gainesville's Emergency Management Plan under City of Gainesville ordinance 1089-6-2005.
- 5.) This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.


Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor

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