



DECLARATION OF DISASTER THIRD EXTENSION

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

WHEREAS, as of April 23, 2020, there are at least 517 COVID-19 deaths in Texas with at least 3 in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS, schools, many businesses, and other governmental entities are being ordered to alter their schedules, and some venues are ordered to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount;

WHEREAS, it is critical to continue to take additional steps to respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Matagorda County residents; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Matagorda County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses a continued imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in the court by Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, we hereby extend the declaration of a state of disaster for Matagorda County on April 23, 2020 and ending on June 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared to continue through June 1, 2020 for Matagorda County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County, Texas.

3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the 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.

4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster continues the activities under the Matagorda County emergency management plan.

5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 27th day of April, 2020.

Approved:

ATTEST:



Nate McDonald, County Judge



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk





Gary Graham, Commissioner Pct 1



Kent Pollard, Commissioner Pct 2



James Gibson, Commissioner Pct 3



Charles "Bubba" Frick, Commissioner Pct 4