



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

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

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are at least 24 confirmed cases with at least one being in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS, schools, businesses, 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 Matagorda County; and

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

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 Matagorda County residents; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nate McDonald, Matagorda County Judge, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster for Matagorda County on the 16th day of March, 2020.

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Matagorda County, Texas 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 COUNTY JUDGE OF MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS:

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

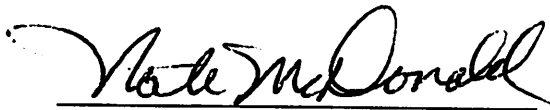
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County, Texas.

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 activates the Matagorda County emergency management plan.

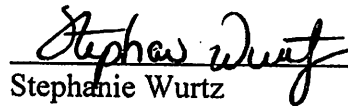
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 16th day of March, 2020.



Nate McDonald
Matagorda County Judge

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz
Matagorda County Clerk

