

**DECLARATION OF A
LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
RELATED TO THE EMERGENCE OF
CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in Texas due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

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

WHEREAS, the Governor has further noted 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, the Corona virus has emerged in Galveston County with one confirmed case and given the apparent ease of transmission, the City of Galveston is faced with an imminent threat to the public health which requires the imposition of control measures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Galveston has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect property,

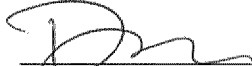
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR, JAMES YARBROUGH, OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Galveston pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, the local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued City Council of the City of Galveston.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the emergency management plan.
5. This Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or inter-jurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance as may be available from state or federal resources.

6. That this proclamation shall take effect at 2:00 p.m. dfe on 3/16/20

ORDERED this the 16th day of March, 2020.

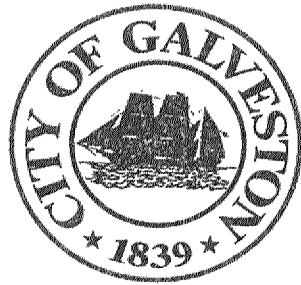
APPROVED AS TO FORM:




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JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY