

ORDER OF MANDATORY EVACUATION

August 25, 2020, at 6:00 A.M.

**BY THE
MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston as of the date of this Declaration is facing the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura which is expected to reach our coast as a hurricane; and

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Texas has on the 23rd day of August 2020 issued a Proclamation of imminent disaster from Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura and has declared a state of disaster in Galveston County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter and Codes of the City of Galveston due to the resignation of Mayor James D. Yarbrough from office, the duties of Mayor are being performed by Mayor Pro Tem Craig Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Galveston has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property from the Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura and has issued a Declaration of a Local State of Disaster and Emergency dates August 23, 2020; and.

WHEREAS the imminent threat of Storm Laura requires the City to take immediate action to save lives, prevent injuries, protect property, public health, the environment and public safety to lessen or avert the threat of disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston's Emergency Management Plan has been activated; and,

WHEREAS, Gov. Code sec. 418.108(f) authorizes the mayor of a municipality to ORDER the evacuation of all or part of the population from a threatened area under the mayor's jurisdiction when the mayor considers it necessary for the preservation of life or disaster mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the rapid development of the storm requires extraordinary measures to protect persons from the expected impact of the storm particularly from the hazard of rising water;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON,
HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:**

SECTION 1. That there is an imminent danger caused by the approaching storms designated as Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura;

SECTION 2. That it is necessary to evacuate the population of the City of Galveston in order to preserve life, mitigate the damage that will be caused thereby, and to protect the public's health, safety and welfare;

SECTION 3. That all persons in the City of Galveston, with the exception of essential emergency personnel, are **ORDERED** to **IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE** the City of Galveston;

SECTION 4. That failure to obey this **ORDER** may result in criminal penalties as provided by law;

SECTION 5. Severability. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Executive court Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

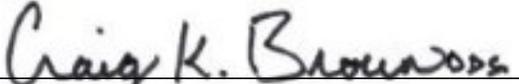
SECTION 6. Interpretation and Additional Terms. To the greatest extent possible, the Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive Order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the Executive Orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall automatically be incorporated into and constitutes terms of this Order enforceable as is set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.

SECTION 7. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect on the date of signature below and shall terminate and shall cease to be effective upon cessation of the Local State of Emergency and Disaster or by action of the City Council of the City of Galveston whichever occurs first.

SECTION 8. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity;

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect on August 25, 2020 at 6:00 o'clock A .M.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 25th day of August, 2020.


CRAIG BROWN
MAYOR PRO TEM , CITY OF GALVESTON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:


JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

