

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2020

RESOLUTION OF CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, CONTINUING AND EXTENDING THE LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Caldwell County Judge Hoppy Haden issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott issued proclamations renewing the disaster declaration for all counties in Texas on April 12, May 12, June 11, and July 2, 2020;

WHEREAS, by duly passed Resolutions, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court has extended and renewed the state of disaster until July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020 Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-28, relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020 Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation Amending Executive Order GA-28, relating to mass gatherings during the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020 Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-29, relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, as Texas reopens, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texas residents safe is for all Texans to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices, especially those set forth in the minimum standard health protocols from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating a declaration of a local state of disaster continue to exist in Caldwell County, Texas in relation to the substantial risk to the health and safety of the Caldwell County residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT:

- 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.
- 2. The Order declaring a state of disaster within Caldwell County based on the threat of COVID-19 is hereby extended until 11:59 pm July 28, 2020, unless modified, rescinded or otherwise superseded.
- 3. All people in Caldwell County are strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts to follow the mandates in GA-28 and GA-29 and the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, including:
 - a. Minimizing in-person contact with others not in their household and maintaining 6 feet of separation from such individuals;

- b. Wearing a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or open space open to the public and where 6 feet of separation is not feasible;
- c. Avoiding groups larger than 10 individuals;
- d. Washing or sanitizing hands frequently.
- 4. All outdoor gatherings in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth and specifically permitted in Amended GA-28 or its successor, are prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Caldwell County unless approved by the County Judge.
- 5. This resolution continues the activation of appropriate orders, response, recovery, and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and continues the authorization of furnishing aid and assistance under the declaration for the duration of the state of disaster.
- 6. This Resolution is effective immediately from and after its adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED this _	$\frac{14}{14}$ day of $\frac{3}{14}$, 2020.
	Alger -
	Hoppy Haden, County
	Judge

B. J. Westmoreland, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Barbara Shelton, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Edward "Ed" Theriot, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Joe Ivan Roland, Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST: Teresa Rodriguez

Teresa Rodriguez, County Clerk

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