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Local Disaster Declaration

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WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

-WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, **Castro County** has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

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 **Castro County** citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in **Castro County** will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Carroll Gerber, County Judge of Castro County** Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to **Castro County**. In accordance with Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for **Castro County**.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I recommend, following the Presidents guidance on 3/17/2020, that public gatherings greater than 10 people be postponed or canceled.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than 30 days unless continued or renewed by the **Commissioners Court of Castro County**, Texas.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the **County Clerk of Castro County**.

Adopted this 30th day of April, 2020.



Carroll Gerber

Castro County County Judge

Johanna Blanco

Castro County County Clerk