



County of Andrews

DECLARATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE ON MARCH 19, 2020, IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO NOVEMBER 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Andrews County Judge, Charlie Falcon, issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for Andrews County, in response to help prevent and control COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Andrews County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108 the Andrews County Judge executed Directive #6 – Safely Opening Andrews – Phase III, to conform to Executive Order GA-26 issued by the Governor of the State of Texas and to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Andrews County while re-opening businesses and services; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas renewed his state-wide disaster proclamation for an additional thirty (30) days, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Andrews County has determined that due to the issuance of Executive Order GA-26, and pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108, it would be in the best interest of the County and its citizens, in order to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, to renew and extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and any subsequent issued directives that have not been rescinded as of the date of this Order to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Andrews County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for Andrews County, which was signed and executed by the County Judge on March 19, 2020, in accordance with section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, including any subsequent declarations, is hereby ratified, renewed and extended through 11:59 p.m. November 9, 2022, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the County Judge or the Commissioners Court.

SECTION 3. Directive #6– Safely Opening Andrews – Phase III, to the extent not in conflict with this Order, is hereby affirmed and approved by the Commissioners Court.

SECTION 4. This Order, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.006, authorizes the County Judge to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the COVID-19 virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures,

establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals, enforcing applicable orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, activating the emergency management plan for the Andrews County and insuring compliance of such actions.

SECTION 5. That to the extent this Order or any order or directive issued pursuant to this Order, directly conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-26 or any subsequent applicable executive order issued by the Governor applicable to counties and in accordance with the County Judge's authority as emergency management director under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, Executive Order GA-26 or any subsequent applicable executive order issued by the Governor applicable to counties controls and the County Judge may comport, clarify and amend any such order or directive to be consistent therewith without further action by the Commissioners Court.

SECTION 6. Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Order or Directive #6 or any subsequent directive or order issued pursuant to this Order, commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 for each occurrence.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Andrews County.

SECTION 8. This Order shall take effect from and after its date of adoption.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of the ANDREWS COUNTY, Texas, on this 4th day of October 2022.

ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS

Charlie Falcon, County Judge

Kerry Pack, Commissioner Pct. 1

Mark Savell, Commissioner Pct. 2

Jeneane Anderegg, Commissioner Pct. 3

Jim Waldrop, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Vicki Scott, County Clerk