

RESOLUTION NO. 16,013

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MAR 16 2020  
JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG  
County Clerk, Hunt County, TX  
By *[Signature]*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,  
AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT THE  
SPREAD OF COVID-19 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND ITS CITIZENS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 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**, a State of Disaster was declared by the Texas Governor on March 13, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases the virus has caused death; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hunt County, including the banning of community gatherings of over 500 people and, additionally, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

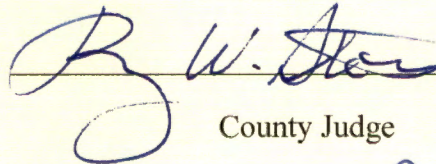
**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Hunt County to implement appropriate measures to aid in the control of the spread of this disease.

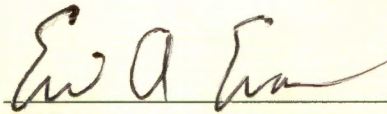
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS:**

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Hunt County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code;
2. Pursuant to section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than 7 days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas;
3. Pursuant to section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk;
4. The Commissioners Court hereby authorizes the County Judge to implement and impart all guidelines, precautions, and actions necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County and its citizens, including issuing an Order banning meetings of 500 or more people;
5. The District and County Clerk's Offices shall be closed to the public for all non-essential business, and the Clerks shall have authority to devise and implement policies to create a skeleton crew of revolving personnel as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of County citizens and those doing business in the County;

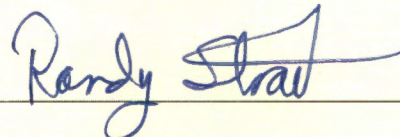
6. The Hunt County Tax Assessor/Collector's office will conduct business via drive-through windows to the extent possible, and will keep the lobby area of the building closed to the public, and that the County Tax Assessor/Collector is granted the authority to make other closure decisions as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of County citizens and those doing business in the County;
7. All other County Offices not specified in this resolution are subject to general closure and skeleton crew decisions made by their respective elected and appointed officials as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of County citizens and those doing business in the County;
8. All offices affected by this Order shall post signage on their main entrance doors regarding the closures and related procedures; and
9. This Resolution shall be in full force upon its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this the 16th day of March 2020.

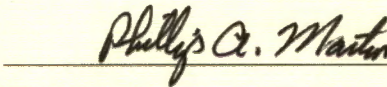
  
County Judge



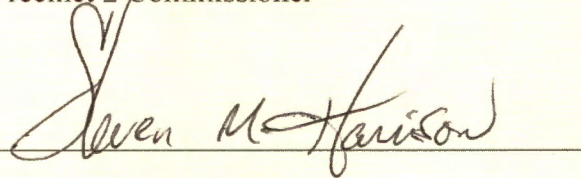
Precinct 1 Commissioner



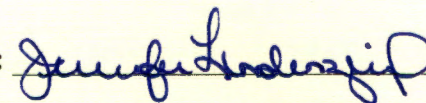
Precinct 2 Commissioner



Precinct 3 Commissioner



Precinct 4 Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk



**ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE BOBBY STOVALL**

DATE ORDER ISSUED: March 16, 2020

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at 3:30 o'clock  
MAR 16 2020  
By JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG  
County Clerk, Hunt County, TX

**Summary:** The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Order prohibits community gatherings, of 500 persons or more anywhere in Hunt County beginning at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, and continuing seven days through 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020, as defined by Section 3 herein. For all other gatherings, the Office of the Hunt County Judge strongly recommends following the social distancing protocols attached to this Order, including canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than 250 persons. Additionally, the Office of the Hunt County Judge strongly urges high-risk individuals, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to cancel, reschedule, or not attend events that will have or will likely have 10 or more people.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108,  
HUNT COUNTY JUDGE BOBBY STOVALL ORDERS:**

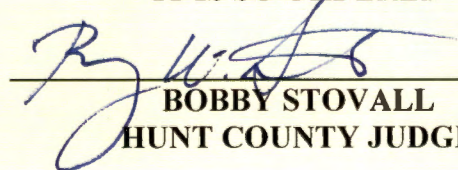
1. Effective as of 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020, and continuing until 11 :00 a.m. on March 20, 2020, public or private Community Gatherings (as defined in Section 3 below) are prohibited anywhere in Hunt County.
2. In addition, the Office of the Hunt County Judge strongly recommends canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than 250 persons. The Office of the Hunt County Judge strongly urges organizations that serve high-risk populations to cancel gatherings of more than 10 people. These recommendations are based on the social distancing practices attached to this Order as well as the "Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission" issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). The Office of the Hunt County Judge urges people to not attend non-essential gatherings during the duration of this Order in order to help slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
3. Definitions:
  - a. For purposes of this Order, a "Community Gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together five-hundred (500) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.
  - b. An outdoor "Community Gathering" under this Order is limited to events in confined outdoor spaces, which means an outdoor space that (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure and (ii) where people are present and they are within arm's length of one another for extended periods.

- c. This Order also does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as a multiplex movie theater, school or office tower, so long as 500 people are not present in any single space at the same time. This Order also does not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where 500 or more people may be present at different times during the day, so long as 500 or more people are not present in the space at the same time. For any gathering covered by this subsection c., the Office of the Hunt County Judge strongly encourages compliance with the attached Social Distancing Recommendations, including providing hand sanitizer and tissues and increasing cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- d. For purposes of clarity, a "Community Gathering" does not include the following so long as visitors are generally not within arm's length of one another for extended periods:
  - i. spaces where 500 or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as airports, bus stations or terminals;
  - ii. office space or residential buildings;
  - iii. grocery stores, shopping malls, or other retail establishments where large numbers of people are present but it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another for extended periods; and
  - iv. hospitals and medical facilities.

In all such settings, the Office of the Hunt County Judge recommends following the attached Social Distancing Recommendations, and personal hygiene measures such as hand sanitizer and tissues should be provided when possible.

- 4. This Order shall be effective until 5:00p.m. on March 23, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
- 5. The County of Hunt must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Hunt County website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

  
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**BOBBY STOVALL**  
**HUNT COUNTY JUDGE**

