

County of Val Verde



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**COUNTY OF VAL VERDE
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
400 Pecan Street
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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath, causing death in some cases; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between those who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes;

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Val Verde County, that include the banning of community gatherings of over 50 people and, additionally, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418;

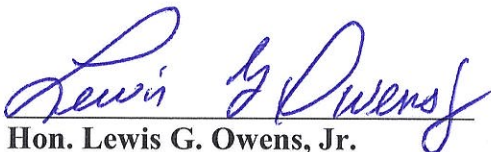
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Val Verde County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That, pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Val Verde County, Texas.
3. That, pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declarations 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. That, pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Val Verde County emergency management plan.
5. That gatherings where 50 people or more are expected to attend are hereby suspended or cancelled.
6. That this executive order takes effective immediately from and after its issuance.

In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

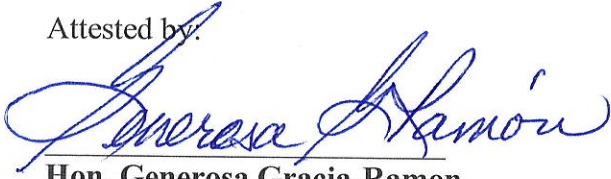
THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the county seal to be affixed at my office in the City of Del Rio, Texas, this the 16th day of March, 2020.



Hon. Lewis G. Owens, Jr.
Val Verde County Judge

Attested by:



Hon. Generosa Gracia-Ramon
Val Verde County Clerk



Filed with the Clerk of Val Verde County on March 16, 2020.

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**GENEROSA GRACIA-RAMON
VAL VERDE COUNTY CLERK**

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