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VAL VERDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SECOND ORDER
CONTINUING DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS
("VVCC-07-08-2020")

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Val Verde County, Texas declared a state of local disaster on March 13, 2020 due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge declared a local state of disaster in and for the entirety of the incorporated and unincorporated portions of Val Verde County, and exercised the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), on March 18, 2020, the Val Verde County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court") approved an *Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Val Verde County* (hereafter, the "Order of Continuation of Declaration") authorizing the Val Verde County Judge to continue to exercise the powers and authority granted by the law more commonly known as the Texas Disaster Act of 1975;

WHEREAS, the authority granted to the Val Verde County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 will also expire unless the *Order of Continuation of Declaration* is again continued by the Court;

WHEREAS, the threat of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Val Verde County community and rates of infection are increasing despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread;

WHEREAS, a continuation of a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources, subject to such limitations as may be applicable by law;

WHEREAS, by Commissioners Court approval of this continuation of the declaration of local disaster and public health emergency (hereafter, the "Second Order of Continuation of Declaration"), all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*;

WHEREAS, by approval of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*, Commissioners Court authorizes the Val Verde County Judge to continue to use all available resources of state government and political subdivisions and to continue to exercise all authority granted by law and take all necessary extraordinary and immediate measures to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with COVID-19, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted, throughout Val Verde County for the duration of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*; and

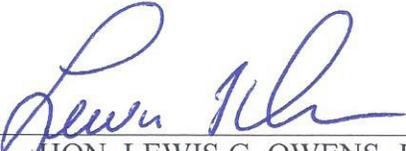
WHEREAS, by approval of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*, the Commissioners Court of Val Verde County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), hereby consents to again continue the declaration of local state of disaster for Val Verde County, Texas as first declared by the Val Verde County Judge.

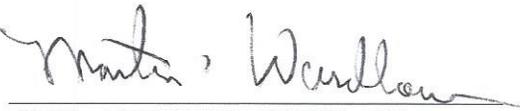
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF VAL VERDE, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The Val Verde County Commissioners Court hereby consents to the continuation of the declaration of state of local disaster and public health emergency for the County of Val Verde, Texas resulting from COVID-19 as first declared by the Val Verde County Judge on March 16, 2020 and continued with the consent of Commissioners Court on March 18, 2020;
2. This *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* continues to activate Val Verde County's Emergency Management Plan;
3. This *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* continues to activate the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans;

4. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* authorizes the Val Verde County Judge to take any and all lawful actions deemed necessary to promote health and suppress disease throughout Val Verde County, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress throughout Val Verde County and any impacted areas;
5. This *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* continuing a local state of disaster declaration shall be effective for ninety (90) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* may be terminated before the expiration of ninety days by subsequent executive order of the County Judge, but may only be continued or renewed beyond ninety days from its date of issuance with the additional consent of the Commissioners Court of Val Verde County, Texas;
6. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* are severable and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* are severable;
7. This *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* shall further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by or under the laws of the State of Texas to authorize the Val Verde County Judge to respond as necessary to the situation which is the subject of this Second Order of Continuation of Declaration by issuance of executive order as necessary;
8. This *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Val Verde County; and
9. This *Second Order of Continuation of Declaration* shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance for the period as set forth herein.

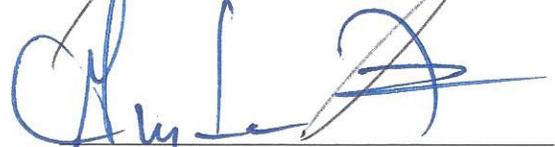
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED on this the 6th day of July, 2020.


HON. LEWIS G. OWENS, JR.
VAL VERDE COUNTY JUDGE


HON. MARTIN WARDLAW
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1


HON. JUAN CARLOS VAZQUEZ
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2


HON. ROBERT "BEAU" NETTLETON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3


HON. GUSTAVO FLORES
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

ATTEST:




HON. GENEROSA "JANIE" GRACIA RAMON
VAL VERDE COUNTY CLERK