

**HOUSTON COUNTY ORDER UNDER COUNTY JUDGE
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH
HOUSTON COUNTY EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS- CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Houston County, I, as Judge of Houston County, issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Houston County, Texas;

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 Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code;

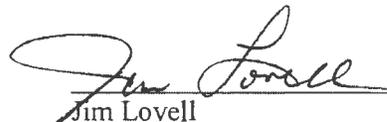
SECTION 1. That this Order under Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the County Clerk.

Pursuant to the Governor of Texas executive order to go into effect on May 1, 2020. In alignment with the Governor's Order, Houston County shall hereby follow the directives set forth.

However, people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

SECTION 2. This order begins May 1, 2020 at 12:01 am and will be continued until expiration of the Governor's Executive Order.

ORDERED this 26th day May, 2020.



Jim Lovell
Houston County

ATTEST:



Terri Meadows, County Clerk