

## RESOLUTION NO. 10-20

A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR LEONARD SCARCELLA OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS DECLARING A DISASTER WITHIN THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS.

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel respiratory disease named "SARS-CoV-2" that causes a disease named "coronavirus disease 2019" ("COVID-19") was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath that may result in mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency for the United States (EM-3501); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a Major Disaster for the State of Texas (DR-4485) ; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 was imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas (GA-08) which has been amended and is subject to future amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared by Executive Order that the outbreak of COVID-19 represented a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (GA-08) which has been amended and is subject to future amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Stafford declared a Public Health Emergency in accordance with Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been working diligently to implement CDC guidelines, comply with the Orders and Amended Orders from the Governor and the Fort Bend County and Harris County Judge, but may require additional tools and resources from agencies of the State of Texas and agencies of the United States to protect the public health of the people of Stafford given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained

response; now therefore,

**Section 1.** That a local state of disaster is hereby declared in the City of Stafford, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the Stafford, Texas.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

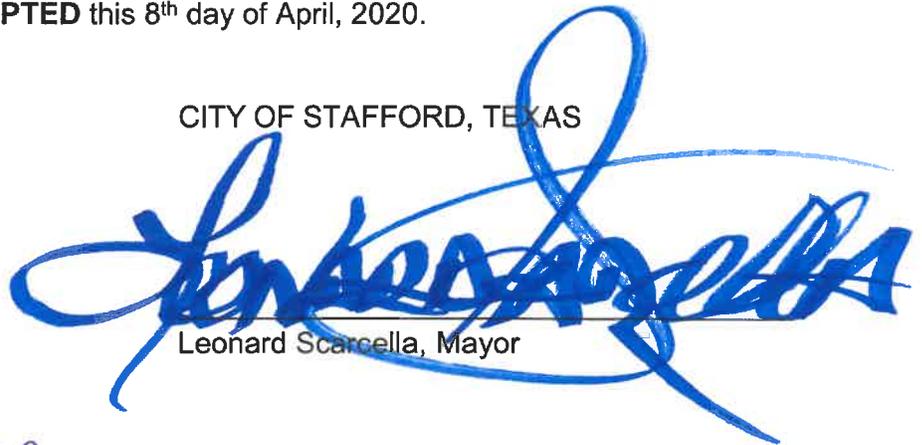
**Section 4.** Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Stafford, Texas emergency management plan.

**Section 5.** The City of Stafford will follow Executive Order GA 08 issued by Governor Abbott on March 19, 2020, as it may be amended from time to time a copy of the latest version of the Governor's order is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

**Section 6.** That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

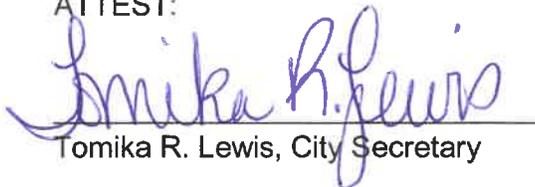
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS



Leonard Scarcella, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Lewis, City Secretary

## Exhibit A

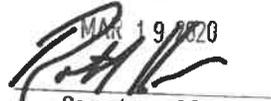


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 19, 2020

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11:59 AM O'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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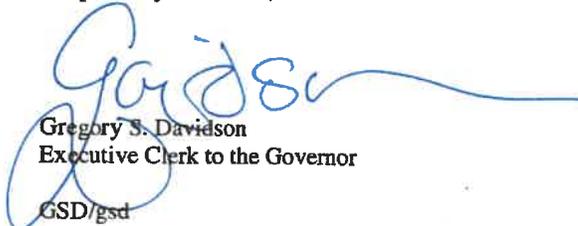
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment

# Executive Order

BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
March 19, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
GA 08

*Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.*

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WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, "[t]he governor is responsible for meeting . . . the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" (Section 418.001 of the Texas Government Code), and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:

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- Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
- Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.



Given under my hand this the  
19th day of March, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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**To: Mayor Leonard Scarcella**  
**From: Art Pertile, III, City Attorney**

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON APRIL 8, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, Leonard Scarcella, Mayor of the City of Stafford, Texas, issued a mayoral proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Stafford, in response to the anticipated loss of life and damage to property threatened by conditions resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating such disaster declaration continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.108(b), Texas Government Code, a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period in excess of seven (7) days without the consent of the governmental body of the political subdivision; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS:

Section 1. The declaration of disaster, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on April 8, 2020, shall be renewed and continued until terminated by action of the City Council, in accordance with Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.

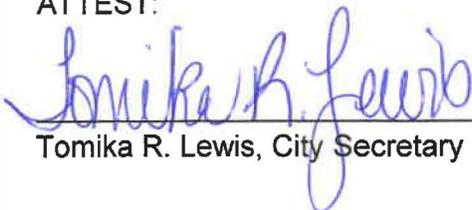
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CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS



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