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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
(COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the United States Federal Government has declared a national emergency and the State of Texas has declared a statewide public health disaster as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, The Fayette County Judge issued and signed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Fayette County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, United States President, Donald Trump, issued a Major Disaster Declaration designating the State of Texas the site of a major disaster due to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact, and large gatherings of people pose an increased risk of spreading the infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus could constitute an imminent threat of disaster and a risk to overwhelming local healthcare resources; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent”; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services continues to recommend

compliance with the recommended minimum health protocols including social distancing.

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued Executive Order GA-29, mandating masks be worn when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household.

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued Executive Order GA-32, mandating that every business establishment in Texas shall operate at no more than 75% capacity, but providing that no occupancy limit shall be placed on religious services, local government operations, child care services, youth camps, recreational sports, public and private schools, drive-in events, and specific establishments that operate at 6-foot social distancing.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Joseph Weber, County Judge of Fayette County, along with the members of the Fayette County Commissioners Court, hereby extend the local state of disaster issued by Fayette County, Texas on March 13, 2020, based on the threat of spreading of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in Fayette County, Texas for an additional fourteen (14) days as allowed by Texas Government Code Section 418.108.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this order activates the Fayette County Emergency Management Plan and all other statutory and ordinance powers vested in the County Judge and/or other local officials.

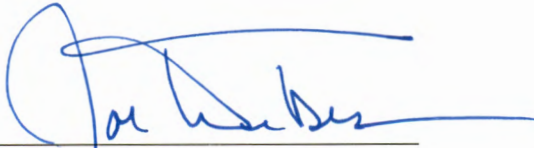
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(g), the County Judge may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area under the jurisdiction and authority of the County Judge to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises within that area.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than fourteen days without being authorized by the Fayette County Commissioners Court.

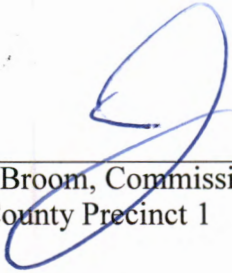
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that peace officers, including but not limited to the Fayette County Sherriff's Office are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this order may be punishable as a violation of the Fayette County Emergency Management Plan and may be punishable through criminal enforcement. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

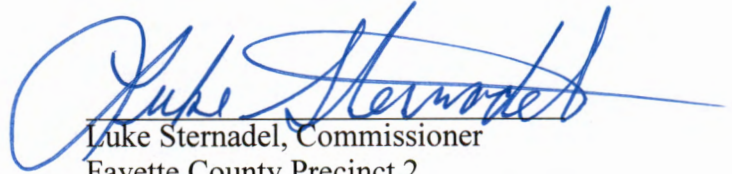
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 10th day of December, 2020.



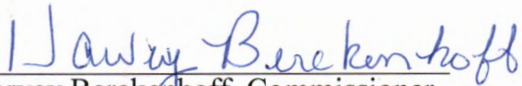
Joe Weber
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ATTEST:



Brenda Fietsam, County Clerk
Fayette County, Texas



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