



## CITY OF CROWLEY

### DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 was first detected in in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the 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**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of The City of Crowley; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, this Declaration activates the City's emergency management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Crowley has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

**THEREFORE**, Be It Proclaimed by The Mayor of the City of Crowley that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Crowley, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. 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 of Crowley's City Council, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Crowley Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**ORDERED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at 5:55 pm.

Handwritten signature of Billy P. Davis in black ink.

**Billy P. Davis, Mayor**