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Local Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, Carson County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Carson County citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Carson County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Looten, County Judge of Carson County, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to Carson County. In accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for Carson County.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I recommend, following the President's guidance on 03/17/2020, that public gatherings greater than 10 people be postponed or canceled.



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Furthermore, I am asking that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, injury, or damage property is contained.

A timely response to this request would be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Looten", written over a horizontal line.

Carson County Judge, Dan Looten

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