

**COUNTY OF GLASSCOCK, TEXAS  
DECLARATION AND RATIFICATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, 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**, Glasscock County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; that includes the banning of community gatherings of any kind of over 10 people and additionally, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease;

**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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared, ratified and renewed for Glasscock County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue until the threat posed by COVID-19 doesn't require these emergency measures.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Glasscock County Emergency Management Plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

**SECTION 5.** That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

**SECTION 6.** That gatherings where 10 people or more are expected to attend are hereby suspended or cancelled.

**SECTION 7.** This declaration orders restaurants or stores where meals are offered may only provide take out, delivery or drive-through services.

**SECTION 8.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 10.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURE, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

DECLARED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

County Judge  
Glasscock County, Texas

Charles Gully, Commissioner Precinct 1, Mark Halfmann, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Gary Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3, John Seidenberger, Commissioner Precinct 4, each  
authorize County Judge Kim Halfmann to execute this declaration/ratification on behalf of the  
Commissioners Court of Glasscock County.

Attest:  
Rebecca Batla-County Clerk

*Rebecca Batla*

*Kim Halfmann*

The seal of Glasscock County, Texas, is circular and features a five-pointed star in the center. The words "GLASSCOCK COUNTY TEXAS" are inscribed around the perimeter of the seal.