Jane Hughson
Mayor

BE IT KNOWN:

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and
WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; 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, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and
WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and
WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COIVD – 19 cases that spread into the United States; and
WHEREAS, over 1600 cases of COVID–19 have been reported in the United States, including 41 deaths; 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, the COVID – 19 virus 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; and
WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of San Marcos residents; and
WHEREAS, the City of San Marcos will work collaboratively with Hays County to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter, as the presiding officer of the governing body and under Texas Government Code, Section 418.108, I DECLARE a local state of disaster within the City of San Marcos.

Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas 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 San Marcos City Council.

Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas 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 Clerk.

Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the San Marcos Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and all other Charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of San Marcos to act in this local state of disaster are activated. This declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 122.006, the City may adopt rules, including quarantine rules, to protect the health of persons in the City, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

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

ORDERED this the 15th day of March, 2020.

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Mayor, City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

Tammy Cook

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Interim City Clerk, City of San Marcos