

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 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, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Highland Park and Dallas County, including the banning of community gatherings of over 500 people and, additionally, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Highland Park, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Town Council of the Town of Highland Park.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the 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 Town Secretary.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Town of Highland Park's Emergency Management Plan.

SECTION 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 13th day of March, 2020.


Margo Goodwin
Mayor