

**COUNTY OF BREWSTER, TEXAS  
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION 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**, Brewster County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

**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 COUNTY JUDGE OF BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Brewster 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 for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of Brewster County, Texas.

**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 Brewster County, Texas, 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 this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

**SECTION 7.** 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 8.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, 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.

**DECLARED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**



Eleazar R. Campbell, County Judge  
Brewster County, Texas

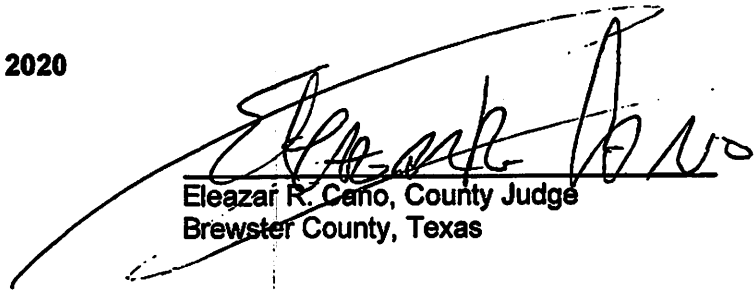
**Amended this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020**

**SECTION 10.** On Friday March 20, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. this declaration hereby authorizes restaurants to only serve takeout orders. Dine in services will be closed to public.

**SECTION 11.** On Friday March 20, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. this declaration hereby authorizes bars/taverns to be closed countrywide.

**SECTION 12.** On Friday March 20, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. this declaration hereby authorizes all gyms to be closed countywide.

**DECLARED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020**



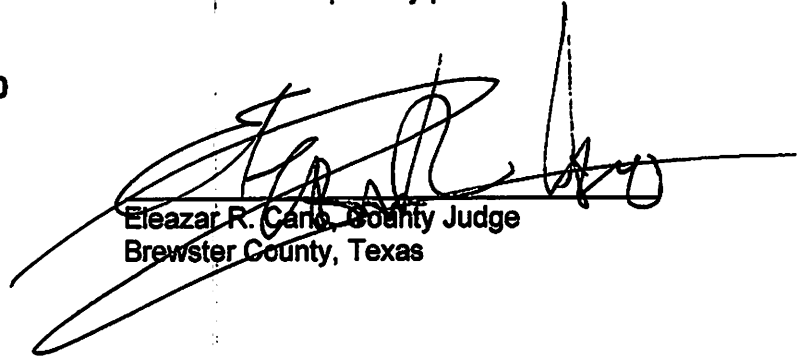
Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge  
Brewster County, Texas

**Amended this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020**

**SECTION 13.** On Monday March 23, 2020 by 12:00 p.m. this declaration hereby mandates hotels/motels and short-term rentals to close and vacate their guests through Thursday April 2, 2020. Only exception being if guests have established rental unit as primary place of residence.

**SECTION 14.** On Monday March 23, 2020 by 12:00 p.m. this declaration hereby mandates RV Parks/Campgrounds to close and vacate their guests through Thursday April 2, 2020. Only exception being if guests have established rental unit as primary place of residence.

**DECLARED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020**



Eleazar R. Carr, County Judge  
Brewster County, Texas

**Amended this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020**

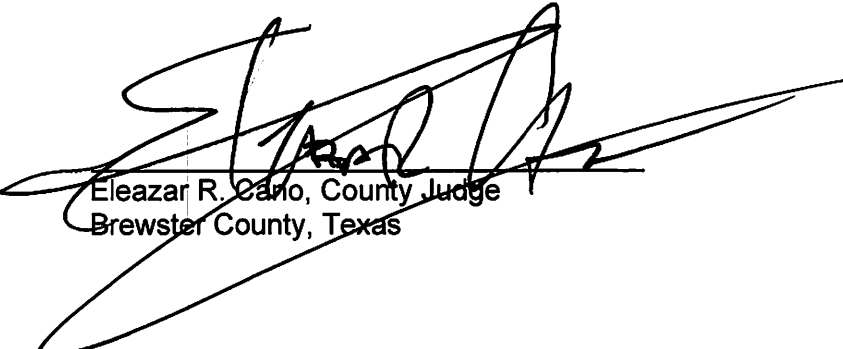
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- A) Hotels, motels and short-term rentals can be utilized ONLY for customers that are active military, law enforcement, and national reserve and "emergency service personnel to support city, county, state, SRSU and school district operations and healthcare professionals and employee housing" during this time period.
- B) Hotels, motels and short-term rentals to close and vacate all non-essential/recreational travelers.

**SECTION 14.** On Monday March 23, 2020 by 12:00 p.m. this declaration hereby mandates RV Parks/Campgrounds to close and vacate their guests through Thursday April 2, 2020. Only exception being if guests have established rental unit as primary place of residence.

- A) RV Parks/Campgrounds to close and vacate all non-essential/recreational travelers with a check-in date after March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- B) RV Parks/Campgrounds can be utilized ONLY for employee housing.

**DECLARED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020**



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge  
Brewster County, Texas