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**AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ORDER 20-008
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, due to the imminent threat arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent of the Commissioners Court authorizes the Hidalgo County Judge to continue to exercise powers granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Cortez previously issued Emergency Orders 20-008 Related to the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency, which limited outdoor gatherings to no more than five-hundred (500) people in unincorporated areas of the County of Hidalgo, in accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-26; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas and Hidalgo County has seen an increase in the number of cases and hospitalizations related to COVID-19, resulting in continued single daily record high reported cases, without a downward trajectory since Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-026 on June 03, 2020; and

WHEREAS, June 23, 2020, Governor Abbott amended Executive Order GA-26, authorizing the County Judge and Mayors to impose additional restrictions for outdoor gatherings estimated to be in excess of one-hundred (100) persons;

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT of 1975, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez does hereby amend the fifth paragraph under the MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES section of Order 20-008 to read as follows:

"In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-26, for any outdoor gathering estimated to be in excess of five-hundred (500) people held in unincorporated areas of the County of Hidalgo, other than those enumerated in sections one (1), two (2), or four (4) below, must comply with Hidalgo County Mass Gathering Policy; Outdoor gathering estimated to be

in excess of one-hundred (100) people to be held in the jurisdiction of a municipality, must comply with any additional restriction as imposed by the governing authority of the municipality."

This Order shall remain in full force and effect, unless it is modified, rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law, the status of COVID-19 in the County of Hidalgo, Texas, and/or recommendations of the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas. This Order supersedes prior Orders, and in the event of a conflict or apparent conflict between the Orders, this Order shall control.

The County of Hidalgo must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Hidalgo County website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.

It is the intent of this Order to remain as consistent with and to harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott. This Order is in addition to the executive orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott. As such, to the extent that this County Order may be inconsistent with any orders issued by the Governor, then the Governor's Order shall control, but only to the extent this order may not restrict essential services or reopened services, allow gatherings prohibited by Executive Order GA-26, or expand essential services or reopened services set forth in Executive Order GA-26.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

ORDERED this 25th day of June, 2020

Richard F. Cortez

Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo

Arturo Guajardo, Hidalgo County Clerk





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Arturo Guajardo Jr.
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