



**ORDER NUMBER 5
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
ISSUED BY MADISON COUNTY JUDGE**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Madison County Judge declared a Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for a seven (7) day period, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Madison County, Texas;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Madison County Commissioners' Court approved a thirty (30) day extension of the original seven (7) day Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, extending the Declaration through April 18, 2020, finding that an emergency still exists.

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, Madison County Commissioners' Court approved a thirty (30) day extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, extending the Declaration through May 18, 2020, finding that an emergency still exists.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans, and the Declaration has been extended through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

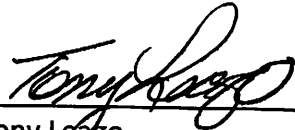
WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-18 related to the expanded re-opening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster, and in the order directs local governments to operate relating to permitting, recordation, and document filing services; and

NOW THEREFORE, I County Judge for the County of Madison, Pursuant to the Authority vested by the Texas Government Code Chapter 418, hereby finds and orders:

Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to the ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.


Section 2. Effective as of 8:00 a.m. on May 4, 2020, and continuing thru May 15, 2020, all Madison County offices are open to the public for essential services and public contact mandated by law such as court proceedings and law enforcement activity. Persons entering County Offices are requested to follow all social distancing and good hygiene guidelines as set out by the TDSHS and the CDC.

ORDERED this the 1st day of May, 2020, in the County of Madison, Texas



Tony Leago
County Judge

Filed with the Clerk of Madison County, this 1st day of May, 2020



Susanne Morris
County Clerk

