## **ORDER OF THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS, DECLARING A DISASTER AND EXTENDING THE STATE OF DISASTER IN AND FOR MCLENNAN COUNTY DUE TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Governor's Executive Orders, non-essential businesses and services were closed and certain other restrictions were put in place in an attempt to control the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Orders have reopened previously closed businesses and services, and withdrawn certain restrictions;

WHEREAS, this Order is issued based on evidence of the rapidly increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Central Texas area; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY COUNTY JUDGE SCOTT M. FELTON AND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108 AND OTHER LAW:

- 1. That a public disaster, and a public health emergency is hereby declared for and in McLennan County, Texas effective immediately and as extended hereby.
- 2. That the state of disaster and medical emergency declared under this Order shall continue until September 30, 2020 unless continued or renewed by the McLennan County Commissioners Court.
- 3. That this Order shall become effective immediately.
- 4. That the County must promptly provide notice of this Order by posting it on the County website and by filing it with the County Clerk.

**ORDERED** on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, being the effective date.

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Scott M. Felton, County Judge

ATTEST: J.A. "Andy" Harwell, County Clerk McLennan County, Texas

By: Deputy County Clerk